

GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY MONROE, LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998 AND INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To The Board of Directors Greater Ouachita Water Company Monroe, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying balance sheets of Greater Ouachita Water Company, as of August 31, 1999, and 1998, and the related statements of income, surplus, and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing

standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Greater Ouachita Water Company, as of August 31, 1999 and 1998, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

As discussed in Note F, Greater Ouachita Water Company was alleged by LaDEQ to have violated certain provisions of the Louisiana Water Control law. The financial statements were adjusted on August 31, 1990, to reflect the action of the State of Louisiana for these instances of noncompliance

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Monroe, Louisiana November 30, 1999

GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

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ASSETS

	AUGUST 31	
	1999	1998
PLANT & EQUIPMENT		
Cost of Systems		
Accumulated Depreciation	20,796,671.13	18,924,064.68
	6,389,226.26	5,777,826.26
Net Plant & Equipment	14,407,444.87	13,146,238.42
SPECIAL FUNDS		
Revenue Fund	5 069 01	440.00
Interest Fund	5,068.01	440.02
Reserve Fund	162,603.39	129,958.34
Renewals, Replacements & Extensions Fund	320,542.97	320,753.74
Sinking Fund	17,204.64	97,915.13
Series 97A&B Improvement Account	245,000.00	265,531.34
Series 1994A Improvement Fund	462,046.97	1,563,893.07
Redemptions Payment Account	2,493.76	13,841.78
	0.01	0.01
Total Special Funds	1,214,959.75	2,392,333.43
CURRENT ASSETS		
General Fund Cash	100,081.92	199,043.74
Accounts Receivable - Customers	677 255 00	600 010 0 <i>c</i>
Accounts Receivable - Returned Checks	677,355.89	602,713.06
Accounts Receivable - Other	8,481.23	7,170.10
	5,722.82	5,722.82
	691,559.94	615,605.98
Allowance for Bad Accounts	3,398.24	3,158.29
	688,161.70	612,447.69
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Prepaid Expense	45,547.38	26,427.17
Total Current Assets	833,791.00	837,918.60
DEFERRED CHARGES		
Unamortized Bond Discount		
Unamortized Bond Issue Expense	0.00	1,912.24
endmortrace bone issue Expense	162,050.16	178,993.43
Total Deferred Charges	162,050.16	180,905.67
OTHER ASSETS		- •
Deposits		
Deposito	12,500.00	12,500.00
TOTAL ASSETS	16 630 345 35	
	16,630,745.78	16,569,896.12
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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY BALANCE SHEET

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LIABILITIES

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	AUGUST 31	
	1999	1998
LONG-TERM DEBT		
Bonds Payable - Series 1964 & 1965	209,250.00	424,250.00
Bonds Payable - Series 1994A	1,625,000.00	1,645,000.00
Bonds Payable - Series 97A&B Improvements	3,500,000.00	3,500,000.00
Total Long-Term Debt	5,334,250.00	5,569,250.00
FUNDED LIABILITIES		
Interest Payable	150,515.00	156,415.00
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable - Trade	212,095.31	239,829.02
Accounts Payable - West Ouachita Sewer	230,042.32	209,613.06
Accounts Payable - Other Sewer	70,960.41	70,981.77
Accounts Payable - Litigation Expense	10,000.00	0.00
Payroll Taxes Payable	632.00	430.75
Sales Taxes Payable	17,350.00	9,148.00
Notes Payable - Central Bank	750,000.00	725,000.00
Total Current Liabilities	1,291,080.04	1,255,002.60
DEFERRED LIABILITIES		
Customer Meter Deposits	408,057.50	391,990.50
TOTAL LIABILITIES		
	7,183,902.54	7,372,658.10

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UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCOME

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	TOTAL SYSTEM YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31	
	1999	1998
OPERATING REVENUE		
Revenue	3,410,214.05	3,146,374.69
Forfeited Discounts	78,003.99	74,060.31
Reconnect Charges	48,179.00	41,888.00
Sewer Inspection Fees	995.00	684.00
Total Operating Revenue	3,537,392.04	3,263,007.00
DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES		
Operating Contract	939,555.65	860,024.53
Power	408,540.57	387,957.70
Maintenance	292,414.09	210,215.28
Chemicals - Sewer	25,389.90	39,576.45
Testing - Sewer	24,779.00	27,994.00
Engineering Services	15,958.00	27,075.20
Water Purchased	611,786.50	642,232.17
Water Used in Sewer Plant	1,315.99	936.08
Service & Franchise Fees	13,483.21	11,337.45
Right of Way	11,479.00	3,200.00
Total Direct Operating Expenses	2,344,701.91	2,210,548.86
NET OPERATING INCOME	1,192,690.13	1,052,458.14
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	206,657.47	196,356.94
NET OPERATING PROFIT	986,032.66	856,101.20
OTHER INCOME	83,315.13	97,036.82
	1,069,347.79	953,138.02
OTHER EXPENSES	419,537.83	344,626.16
NET INCOME BEFORE AMORTIZATION & DEP'N.	649,809.96	608,511.86
AMORTIZATION & DEPRECIATION		
Amort. of Bond Discount	1,912.27	1,912.68
Amort. of Bond Issue Exp1964 & 65	1,595.96	1,596.36
Amort. of Bond Issue Exp1994A	3,357.60	3,357.60
Amort. Of Bond Issue Exp97A&B	11,989.68	8,992.26
Depreciation Expense	611,400.00	531,434.00
Total Amortization & Depreciation	630,255.51	547,292.90
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	10 554 45	61 310 04
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	SYSTEM D AUGUST 31	SEWER SYSTEM	
1999	1998	YEAR ENDE 1999	ED AUGUST 31 1998
2,892,947.34	2,709,760.76	517,266.71	436,613.93
78,003.99	74,060.31	0.00	0.0
48,179.00	41,888.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	0.00	995.00	684.00
3,019,130.33	2,825,709.07	518,261.71	437,297.93
777,203.14	707,472.39	160 050 61	
315,711.98	300,949.08	162,352.51	152,552.14
274,657.36	176,822.11	92,828.59	87,008.62
0.00	0.00	17,756.73	33,393.17
0.00	0.00	25,389.90	39,576.45
14,758.00	17,808.00	24,779.00	27,994.00
611,786.50	642,232.17	1,200.00	9,267.20
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
7,987.21	5,989.45	1,315.99	936.08
4,700.00	÷	5,496.00	5,348.00
	3,200.00	6,779.00	0.00
2,006,804.19	1,854,473.20	337,897.72	356,075.66
1,012,326.14	971,235.87	180,363.99	81,222.27
167,346.19	123,328.90	39,311.28	73,028.04
844,979.95	847,906.97	141,052.71	8,194.23
51,876.23	51,282.42	31,438.90	45,754.40
896,856.18	899,189.39	172,491.61	53,948.63
176,015.98	109,827.16	243,521.85	234,799.00
720,840.20	789,362.23	(71,030.24)	(180,850.37
1,810.12	1,810.50	102.15	102.18
1,510.70	1,511.08	85.26	
0.00	0.00	3,357.60	85.28 3,357.60
3,596.90	2,697.68	8,392.78	
425,449.00	358,800.00	185,951.00	6,294.58 172,634.00
432,366.72	364,819.26	197,888.79	182,473.64
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288,473.48	424,542.97	(268,919.03)	(363, 324.01)
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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF SURPLUS

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1999	1998

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION	0 140 000 41	0 040 510 00
Balance - Beginning	2,148,800.41	2,042,510.80
Additions		
Water Tap Fees	125,173.81	75,866.00
Sewer Tap Fees	11,092.00	10,550.00
Other	93,784.96	19,873.61
Balance - Ending	2,378,851.18	2,148,800.41

UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

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TOTAL SURPLUS - ENDING	9,446,843.24	9,197,238.02
Datance - Dhatny		7,040,437.01
Balance - Ending	7,067,992.06	7,048,437.61
Net Income For The Year	19,554.45	61,218.96
Additions		
Balance - Beginning	7,048,437.61	6,987,218.65

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENTS OF INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

	YEAR ENDED 1999	AUGUST 31 1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Net Income Noncash Items Included In Net Income	19,554.45	61,218.96
Amortization of Bond Discount Amortization of Bond Issue Expense Depreciation	1,912.27 16,943.24 611,400.00	1,912.68 13,946.22 531,434.00
Changes in: Accounts Receivable Prepaid Expenses Unamortized Bond Issue Expense	(75,714.01) (19,120.21) 0.00	(80,051.62) (6,998.23) (142,646.90)
Interest Payable Accounts Payable - Trade Accounts Payable - Sewers Accounts Payable - Litigation Expense Payroll Taxes	(5,900.00) (27,733.71) 20,407.90 10,000.00 201.25	85,371.25 (168,696.25) 38,549.01 0.00 57.86
Sales Taxes Total Adjustments	8,202.00	1,650.00
Net Cash Provided By (Used By) Operating Activities	560,153.18	335,746.98
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Plant & Equipment	(1,872,606.45)	(1,430,251.73)
Net Cash Provided By (Used By) Investing Activities	(1,872,606.45)	(1,430,251.73)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Investments in Special Funds Customer Meter Deposits Contributions in Aid of Construction Payoff Loan From Central Bank Loan From Central Bank New Bond Issue Redemption of Bonds Payable	1,177,373.68 16,067.00 230,050.77 0.00 25,000.00 0.00 (235,000.00)	(1,742,554.18) 54,562.50 106,289.61 (1,088,000.00) 725,000.00 3,500,000.00 (330,000.00)
Net Cash Provided By (Used By) Financing Activities	1,213,491.45	1,225,297.93
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(98,961.82)	130,793.18
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	199,043.74	68,250.56

CASH AT END OF YEAR

100,081.92 199,043.74

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NOTE A - HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Greater Ouachita Water Company was incorporated May 29, 1963, under the laws of the State of Louisiana, as a nonprofit organization. The company was organized to consolidate various water companies operating in Ouachita Parish, a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, into a single company in order to provide better service to the area residents.

By a contract dated June 12, 1963, between the Greater Ouachita Water Company and the Parish of Ouachita, the company agreed to acquire and construct a waterworks, sewerage, and natural gas system within the Parish. Under terms of the contract, the Parish recognizes the company's title to the system until all indebtedness of the company, together with accrued interest thereon, incurred by the company in the financing of the purchase, extension and improvement of the system is paid in full. When all such indebtedness of the company is paid in full, all rights, title and interest of the company and the system shall vest in the Parish.

An Indenture of Mortgage, dated September 1, 1964, was made by and between the Greater Ouachita Water Company and the First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans, Now Bank One, a national banking association having its principal office in New Orleans, Louisiana, as trustee. Supplemental Indentures of Mortgage have been made covering additions to the system.

Revenue bonds were issued in four series. Proceeds of the first series (Series 1964) were received on September 23, 1964, and the first purchase of systems was made. Proceeds of the second series (Series 1965) were received on April 12, 1965, and additional properties were added to the system. Proceeds of the third series (Series 1994A) were received on March 16, 1994, and of the fourth series (Series 97A&B) were received on December 11, 1997. These proceeds are to be used in the building of a new sewer treatment plant.

The company began operations September 28, 1964. It has an agreement with M-N Utilities, Inc., West Monroe, Louisiana to operate the system. Johnny D. Nichols, West Monroe, Louisiana,

is the president of M-N Utilities, Inc.

Officers and directors of the company and salaries paid to them as officers during the period under review were:

W. D. Carter, Chairman of the Board	12,885.79
Robert E. Bentz, President	8,987.59
Wood T Sparks, Secretary-Treasurer	<u>11,586.32</u>
	33,459.70

NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

METHOD OF ACCOUNTING - The company uses the accrual method of accounting.

DEPRECIATION - Depreciation was computed using the straightline method in amounts sufficient to amortize the cost of the depreciable assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives used in computing depreciation are:

Cost of System25 - 50 yearsVarious Equipment5 - 20 years

By specific definition in the Indenture of Mortgage, depreciation is not to be included in the operating expenses of the company. Depreciation expense was therefore shown separately on the statement of income.

SPECIAL FUNDS - The Indenture of Mortgage requires the company twice each month to transfer from the general or operating bank accounts all monies in excess of a minimum amount that is shown by the annual budget to be necessary for operating expenses for the current fiscal year to the Trustee for credit to the Revenue Fund.

Monies received in the Revenue Fund are in turn transferred to other funds in the following order:

 Interest Fund until at least six months' interest on all outstanding bonds is accumulated or restored. On August 31, 1999, the balance in the Interest Fund was \$162,603.39. Interest payable at August 31, 1999, was \$150,515.00.

Reserve Fund until an amount equal to 100% of the maximum annual interest requirements on all outstanding bonds is accumulated or restored.

- 3. Renewals, Replacements & Extensions Fund until \$250,000.00 is accumulated or restored. During the period under review, additions and expenditures made to and from this fund for improvements to the system resulted in a balance of \$17,204.64.
- 4. Sinking Fund, an amount beginning September 15, 1998, which when and multiplied by the number of such monthly deposits to be made during the next twelve month period will equal the annual requirement for that year. To date, adequate deposits have been made and the requirements of the Indenture of Mortgage have been met as shown below:

DUE DATE

AMOUNT DUE

August	15,	1969	-	1998	3,570,000.00
August	15,	1999			245,000.00
					3,815,000.00

The annual amount due on August 15, 2000, will be \$175,000.00.

5. Mandatory Retirement Fund, all remaining monies. On August 23 of each year, beginning August 25, 1969, all monies in the Sinking Fund will be transferred to this fund. At August 31, 1999, this transfer had not been made, and there was no balance in this fund.

DEFERRED CHARGES AND AMORTIZATION - Discounts on bonds issued by the company are being amortized over the term of the bonds. Shown below is an analysis of unamortized bond discount:

Original Bond Discount	66,400.00
Less Prior Year Amortization Less Current Year Amortization	64,487.76 1,912.24
Total Amortization	66,400.00

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Balance at August 31, 1999

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Costs of issuing bonds are being amortized over the term of the bonds:

Total Cost at August 31, 1998	257,560.28
Less Prior Year Amortization Less Current Year Amortization	78,566.88 16,943.24
Total Amortization	95,510.12
Balance at August 31, 1999	162,050.16

In accordance with terms of the Indenture of Mortgage, amortization has not been shown as operating expenses of the company.

CONTRIBUTIONS IN AID OF CONSTRUCTION - Connecting and tapping

fees charged to new customers to pay part of the cost of extensions to such customers are credited to this account. These costs are capitalized, therefore, this method of accounting for such fees more nearly matches operating revenues with operating expenses.

NOTE C - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and Equipment is stated at the acquisition costs of the assets to the company, with the exception of the systems of Lakeview Utilities, Inc., North Louisiana Production Corporation, and B & W Utilities, Inc., which were contributed by their owners and are stated at their appraised value. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations currently and major renewals and betterments are capitalized. Additions to the system during the year ended August 31, 1999, totaled \$1,872,606.45, and for the year ended August 31, 1998, totaled \$1,430,251.73. Shown below is an analysis of the cost of the system by expenditures from various funds:

		BALANCE		BALANCE
		8/31/98	DURING YEAR	8/31/99
Bond Proceeds Se	eries 196	4 1,922,208.08		1,922,208.08
Bond Proceeds Se	eries 196	5 907,211.16		907,211.16
General Fund		11,089,831.17	681,804.25	11,771,635.42

Renewals, Replacements & 3,011,329.12 80,710.49 3,092,039.61

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Less Retirements Gas System Transferred	(231,266.20)		(231,266.20)
Tees Detimomente	19,155,330.88	1,872,606.45	21,027,937.33
Water System	44,658.00		44,658.00
Water System B & W Utilities, Inc.	/1,000.00		/1,000.00
North LA Production Corp	71,800.00		71,800.00
Lakeview Utilities, Inc. Water & Sewer System	196,000.00		196,000.00
Contributions	•		
97A&B Fund	218,553.29	1,098,743.69	1,317,296.98
1994A Fund	1,658,724.22	11,348.02	1,670,072.24
Revenue Fund	35,015.84		35,015.84

Total

18,924,064.68 1,872,606.45 20,796,671.13

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NOTE D - LONG TERM DEBT

The company issued bonds known as "Waterworks & Natural Gas System Revenue Bonds" in two series. Series 1964 bonds total \$2,270,000.00, are dated September 1, 1964, and mature September 1, 1999. Series 1965 bonds total \$1,050,000.00, are dated March 1, 1965, and mature September 1, 1999. Interest is paid semiannually on March 1, and September 1. The interest rate is 5.5% through August 31, 1972, 5.625% from September 1, 1972, through August 31, 1979, and 5.00% from September 1, 1979, until maturity.

On March 16,1994, the company issued bonds known as "Greater Ouachita Water Company Waterworks and Natural Gas System Bonds, Series 1994A" in the amount of \$2,000,000.00. Interest is paid semi-annually on March 1, and September 1. The interest rate is 6.25% through December 10, 1997, and thereafter shall bear interest at the rate determined by the Trustee on March 1, 2000, by adding 400 basis points to the five year constant maturity treasury and multiplying such amount by the remainder of one minus the corporate tax rate applicable to Central Bank, now Bank One, Monroe, Louisiana on such date. Principle shall be payable

annually on September 1 in each year commencing September 1, 1995.

On December 11, 1997, the company issued bonds known as "Waterworks and Natural Gas Revenue Bonds of the Greater Ouachita Water Company Series 1997" in the amount of \$3,500,000.00. Interest is paid semi-annually on March 1, and September 1. The interest rate shall begin at 5.675%

During the year ended August 31, 1999, \$235,000.00 in bonds were redeemed, and during the year ended August 31, 1998, \$335,000.00 in bonds were redeemed, bringing the total of all bonds redeemed to \$3,475,000.00. The balance of bonds outstanding at August 31, 1998, was \$5,334,250.00.

Interest payments for the next five years are as follows:

Year Ended August 31,	Amount
2000	\$288.720.00

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2001	\$279,357.50
2002	\$269,637.50
2003	\$259,282.50
2004	\$248,282.50

NOTE E - LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

On or about March 16, 1990, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality ("LaDEQ") issued Compliance Order No. WC-90-014 to the Greater Ouachita Water Company ("GOWC") alleging certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control law, the Louisiana Water Regulations and previously issued compliance Order No. WC-88-149.

GOWC timely filed a request for hearing, which was granted, to challenge these allegations.

On or about April 5, 1990, LaDEQ issued a proposed penalty notice (WP-90-013) in the amount of \$6,000.00 to GOWC, and in response thereto, Respondent filed a timely request for hearing, which was granted.

These two proceedings were consolidated and a settlement has been reached in theory, although the actual settlement documents have not been executed. Pursuant to such, GOWC will pay the

\$6,000.00 penalty in total settlement of the claims alleged by the compliance order and/or which could be alleged and GOWC will upgrade and/or close certain of its sewer facilities in accordance with a specified time schedule to meet LaDEQ's require-

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ments. It is believed that the settlement will give the company sufficient time to upgrade and/or close certain sewer facilities to meet LaDEQ's discharge requirements. This \$6,000.00 has been accrued as an other expense to the sewer plant during the year ended August 31, 1990.

The company has finalized plans to comply with the sewer discharge limitations in the permits issued by LaDEQ and EPA. Three regional sewage treatment facilities are contemplated and most of the present facilities will be closed and the sewage treated at the new plants. The first treatment plant located in the northeastern portion of Ouachita Parish adjacent to Highway 139 has been completed and is now in operation. Construction of the second plant located on Highway 165 South has also been completed and the company is now installing sewer lines to connect its sewer systems to the plant. The third plant along Highway 165 North is in the planning stage and may be construction if other alternatives are not available. Sewer customers not connect to the regional plants will be transferred to sewer districts, serviced by other utility companies pursuant to contract or served by upgraded small package plants. The anticipated costs to fully comply with the permit requirements and build the sewer treatment plants are approximately \$4 million. The company's application for a sewer rate increase to obtain sufficient revenues to pay for the improvements were granted in part.

NOTE F - PENSION PLAN

A money purchase pension plan was put into effect on September 1, 1995. All employees of the company are eligible. The company will contribute on the behalf of each participant 25% of the participant's compensation. The amount contributed during the year ended August 31, 1999 was \$8,625.00, and for August 31, 1998, was \$7,800.00.

NOTE G - LITIGATION EXPENSE

The company was sued for damages to a customer's home caused by sewage backup due to a malfunctioning lift station. Settlement negotiations were conducted by the company's insurance company and a \$20,000.00 settlement was reached with the customer. The insurance company will pay \$10,000.00 and the company will pay \$10,000.00. The policy had a \$5,000.00 deductible and the company agreed to contribute an additional

\$5,000.00 due to a coverage issue under the policy. The \$10,000.00 to be paid by the company has been accrued on the balance sheet as accounts payable - litigation expense.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors Greater Ouachita Water Company Monroe, Louisiana

Our report on our audit of the basic financial statements of Greater Ouachita Water Company for the years ended August 31, 1999, and 1998, appears on page 1. That audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The supplementary information contained on the following pages is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements.

In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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Monroe, Louisiana November 30, 1999

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND DEPRECIATION AUGUST 31, 1998

	COST AT 08/31/98	ADDITIONS	COST AT 08/31/99
WATER SYSTEM Original Cost 9/28/64 Original Cost 3/12/65	1,277,027.07 675,686.86	0.00	1,277,027.07 675,686.86
	1,952,713.93	0.00	1,952,713.93
Additions & Renovations Mains & Extensions Service Lines Water Meters Wells & Equipment Chlorinator Equipment Other Equipment	4,930,433.46 3,485,049.10 766,254.24 2,531,996.66 131,204.13 98,664.38	479,678.13 172,925.56 10,312.45 172,827.43 0.00 7,598.00	5,410,111.59 3,657,974.66 776,566.69 2,704,824.09 131,204.13 106,262.38
Total Additions	11,943,601.97	843,341.57	12,786,943.54

Total Water System	13,896,315.90	843,341.57	14,739,657.47
SEWER SYSTEM Original Cost 9/28/64 Original Cost 3/12/65	126,000.00 33,514.56	0.00	<pre>126,000.00 33,514.56</pre>
	159,514.56	0.00	159,514.56
Additions & Improvements	4,271,916.22	1,023,699.88	5,295,616.10
Total Sewer System	4,431,430.78	1,023,699.88	5,455,130.66
LAND	596,318.00	5,565.00	601,883.00
TOTAL PLANT & EQUIPMENT	18,924,064.68	1,872,606.45	20,796,671.13

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY PLANT AND EQUIPMENT AND DEPRECIATION AUGUST 31, 1998

PRIOR DEPRECIATION	CURRENT DEPRECIATION	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION 08/31/99	UNDEPRECIATED BALANCE 08/31/99
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863,800.09 452,713.56	25,541.00 13,514.00	889,341.09 466,227.56	387,685.98 209,459.30
1,316,513.65	39,055.00	1,355,568.65	597,145.28
1,467,911.29 1,063,361.05 296,998.45	176,586.00 109,974.00 23,437.00	1,644,497.29 1,173,335.05 320,435.45	3,765,614.30 2,484,639.61 456,131.24
290,990.49 868,784.56 45,886.28 39,504.79	68,495.00 4,081.00 3,821.00	937,279.56 49,967.28 43,325.79	1,767,544.53 81,236.85 62,936.59
3,782,446.42	386,394.00	4,168,840.42	8,618,103.12

5,098,960.07	425,449.00	5,524,409.07	9,215,248.40
87,990.00 22,451.08	2,520.00 670.00	90,510.00 23,121.08	35,490.00 10,393.48
110,441.08	3,190.00	113,631.08	45,883.48
568,425.11	182,761.00	751,186.11	4,544,429.99
678,866.19	185,951.00	864,817.19	4,590,313.47
0.00	0.00	0.00	601,883.00
5,777,826.26	611,400.00 ==========	6,389,226.26 =================================	14,407,444.87

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE AUGUST 31, 1999

TOTAL AMOUNT MAXIMUM TO PREMIUM PREPAID COVERAGE FROM RISK Items listed in policy in- 2,000,000 07/31/99 07/31/00 13,010.00 11,925.83 clude wells, water tanks, reservoirs, sewer life pump & treatment plants pressure pumps, tank, bldg. Products - Completed Oper. 2,000,000 Personal & Adv. Injury 1,000,000 100,000 Fire Damage 5,000 Medical BI and Hired, Non-Owned Autos PD 10,000,000 500,000 07/31/99 07/31/00 7,075.00 6,485.42 Employees 12/03/99 12/03/00 250.00 41.67 25,000 Robert E. Bentz 25,000 W. D. Carter 25,000 Wood T. Sparks 01/01/99 01/01/00 500,000 Same as above

Personal & Adv. Injury 3,000,000 07/14/99 07/14/00 5,221.00 4,568.37 Products - Completed Oper.

Environmental Insurance 1,000,000 07/23/99 07/23/02 25,145.40 22,526.09

50,701.40 45,547.38

COVERAGE PROVIDED BY M-N UTILITIES, INC., WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA (CONTRACT OPERATOR OF THE SYSTEM)

Products - Completed Oper. 2,000,000 06/01/99 06/01/00 Personal & Adv. Injury 1,000,000 Fire Damage 100,000 Medical 5,000

Automobiles [1,000,000 06/01/99 06/01/00

Employees

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE AUGUST 31, 1999 POLICY NO. AGENT TYPE COMPANY American Central Ins. Co. MER 563817 Troy & Fire and extended Montgomery coverage, vandalism, malicious mischief ٠ General Liability 11 11 Auto Liability Commercial Umb-American Central Ins. Co. MEDW17511 rella & Liability Western Surety Company 1228024 Fidelity Bond Troy & Montgomery LA Workers Compensation Corp 6842 Workmen's Comp. Troy & Montgomery

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Coregis Insurance Co.	NPN 441744	Troy & Montgomery	Directors & Offi- cers Liability
Royal Surplus Lines Ins. Co	S.WCI 769307	31 Troy & Montgomery	Environmental Remed- iaton Costs
COVERAGE PROVIDED BY (CONTI		ES, INC., WEST M OR OF THE SYSTEM)	
The American Central Insurance Co.	MER 526306	Troy & Montgomery	General Liability
The American Central Insurance Co.	MEAK 54234	Troy & Montgomery	Auto liability, collision, compre- hensive coverage, medical payments uninsured motorist
Louisiana Employers Safety Assoc. Self Insurers Fund	777-1997	Summit Con- sulting Inc.	Workmen's Comp.

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY ANALYSIS OF REVENUE FUND BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1999

CASH IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

INVESTMENTS Marquis Treasury Secs Money Market

Total of Fund

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0.00

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REVENUE FUND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998

> YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1999 1998

FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	440.02	826.85
DEPOSITS IN FUND		
Transfers from Operating Fund	485,000.00	411,000.00
Transfers from Interest Fund	4,995.97	4,204.76
Transfers from Reserve Fund	0.00	527.41
Transfers from Renewals, Replacements		
& Extensions Fund	20,000.00	484.06
Transfers from Sinking Fund	31,218.67	5,588.20
Transfers from Series 1994A	0.00	1,895.21
Earnings from Investments	72.99	539.82
Total Deposits	541,287.63	424,239.46
	541,727.65	425,066.31
DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUND		
Transfers to Interest Fund	271,218.67	167,407.62
Transfers To Renewals, Replacements		
& Extensions Fund	20,000.00	0.00
Transfers To Sinking Fund	245,440.97	257,218.67
Total Disbursements	536,659.64	424,626.29





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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY ANALYSIS OF INTEREST FUND BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1999

CASH IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

INVESTMENTS Marquis Treasury Secs Money Market

Total of Fund

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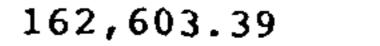
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INTEREST FUND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998

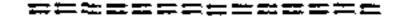
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31

	1999	1998
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	129,958.34	71,825.66
DEPOSITS IN FUND		
Transfers from Revenue Fund	271,218.67	167,407.62
Transfers from R.R.& E. Fund	3,448.39	2,845.47
Transfers from Sinking Fund	4,650.71	4,470.58
Transfers from 97 A&B Fund	47,695.83	57,724.54
Transfers from Reserve Fund	12,633.70	0.00
Transfers from Series 1994A	223.51	1,280.33
Earnings from Investments	4,946.57	4,234.32
Total Deposits	344,817.38	237,962.86
	474,775.72	309,788.52
DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUND		
Interest on Bond Coupons Maturing	306,930.00	175,625.42
Transfers to Sinking Fund	246.36	0.00
Transfers to Revenue Fund	4,995.97	4,204.76
Total Disbursements	312,172.33	179,830.18

FUND BALANCE - ENDING



129,958.34



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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY ANALYSIS OF RESERVE FUND BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1999

CASH IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

INVESTMENTS Marquis Treasury Secs Money Market

Total of Fund

RESERVE FUND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998

> YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1999 1998

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FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	320,753.74	138,810.67
DEPOSITS IN FUND		
Transfers from 97A&B Fund	0.00	169,442.51
Earnings from Investments	12,422.93	13,027.97
Total Deposits	12,422.93	182,470.48
	333,176.67	321,281.15
DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUND		
Transfers to Interest Fund	12,633.70	0.00
Transfers to Revenue Fund	0.00	527.41
Total Disbursements	12,633.70	527.41
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FUND BALANCE - ENDING	320,542.97	320,753.74

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY ANALYSIS OF RENEWALS, REPLACEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS FUND BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1999

CASH IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

INVESTMENTS

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Total of Fund

17,204.64

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RENEWALS, REPLACEMENTS AND EXTENSIONS FUND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998

> YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1999 1998

FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	97,915.13	12,141.90
DEPOSITS IN FUND		
Transfers from 97A&B Fund	0.00	112,816.65
Transfers from Revenue Fund	20,000.00	0.00
Earnings from Investments	3,448.39	3,324.69
Total Deposits	23,448.39	116,141.34
	121,363.52	128,283.24
DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUND		
Transfers to Revenue Fund	20,000.00	484.06
Transfers to Interest Fund	3,448.39	2,845.47
Plant and Equipment Purchased	80,710.49	27,038.58
Total Disbursements	104,158.88	30,368.11
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	17,204.64	97,915.13

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY ANALYSIS OF SINKING FUND BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1999

CASH IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

INVESTMENTS Marquis Treasury Secs Money Market

Total of Fund

SINKING FUND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998

> YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1998 1999

245,000.00

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FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	265,531.34	342,927.91
DEPOSITS IN FUND Transfers from Revenue Fund	245,440.97	257,218.67
	•	0.00
Transfers from Interest Fund	246.36	
Earnings from Investments	4,650.71	5,443.54
Total Deposits	250,338.04	262,662.21
	515,869.38	605,590.12
DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUND		
Bond Redemption Payment	235,000.00	330,000.00
Transfers to Interest Fund	4,650.71	4,470.58
Transfers to Revenue Fund	31,218.67	5,588.20
Total Disbursements	270,869.38	340,058.78
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	245,000.00	265,531.34
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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY ANALYSIS OF SERIES 1994A BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1999

CASH IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE 0.00
INVESTMENTS
Marquis Treasury Secs Money Market 2,493.76
Total of Fund 2,493.76

SERIES 1994A FUND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1999 1998 13,841.78 83,246.25

FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING

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DEPOSITS IN FUND Earnings from Investments	223.51	3,175.54
Total Deposits	223.51	3,175.54
	14,065.29	86,421.79
DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUND		•
Transfers to Revenue Fund	0.00	1,895.21
Transfers to Interest Fund	223.51	1,280.33
Plant & Equipment - Sewer Plant	11,348.02	69,404.47
Total Disbursements	11,571.53	72,580.01
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	2,493.76	13,841.78

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY ANALYSIS OF 97A&B FUND BALANCE AUGUST 31, 1999

CASH IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

INVESTMENTS Marquis Treasury Secs Money Market

Total of Fund

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97A&B FUND COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998

> YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1999 1998

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FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	1,563,893.07	0.00
DEPOSITS IN FUND		•
Bond Issue	0.00	3,500,000.00
Earnings from Investments	44,593.42	60,826.95
Total Deposits	44,593.42	3,560,826.95
	1,608,486.49	3,560,826.95
DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUND		
Transfers to R.R. & E. Fund	0.00	112,816.65
Transfers to Reserve Fund	0.00	169,442.51
Transfers to Interest Fund	47,695.83	57,724.54
Bond Issue Expense	0.00	137,562.50
Payoff Loan at Central Bank	0.00	1,300,834.39
Sewer Plant	1,098,743.69	218,553.29
Total Disbursements	1,146,439.52	1,996,933.88
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	462,046.97	1,563,893.07

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY ANALYSIS OF REDEMPTION PAYMENT ACCOUNT AUGUST 31, 1999

CASH IN FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF COMMERCE

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INVESTMENTS Marquis Treasury Sec Money Market

Total of Fund

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REDEMPTION PAYMENT ACCOUNT COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF DEPOSITS AND DISBURSEMENTS FOR THE YEARS ENDED AUGUST 31, 1999 AND 1998

> YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1999 1998

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	1999	1990
FUND BALANCE - BEGINNING	0.01	0.01
DEPOSITS IN FUND Total Deposits	0.00	0.00
	0.01	0.01
DISBURSEMENTS FROM FUND		
Total Disbursements	0.00	0.00
FUND BALANCE - ENDING	0.01	0.01

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY SCHEDULE OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE AUGUST 31, 1999

AMS SURVEY AND SUPPLY, INC.	54.80
BADGER METER, INC.	2,487.26
BILLY J. TAYLOR, CONTRACTOR	98.10
BRALEY'S FINANCIAL SYSTEMS, INC.	164.38
BREARD-GARDNER, INC.	585.08
CENTURY READY MIX, INC.	255.42
CITY OF MONROE	34,012.26
DELTA PROCESS & EQUIPMENT, INC.	1,249.40
DPC INDUSTRIES, INC.	8,072.85
EMS ELECTRICAL & MECHANICAL	1,534.66
KEAN, MILLER, HAWTHORNE, D'ARMOND	49.50
L & R UTILITIES, INC.	28.48
LOUISIANA ONE CALL CONCEPTS, INC.	453.90
M-N UTILITIES, INC.	145,078.51
MONROE COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	39.50
MONROE ENVIRONMENTAL LABS, INC.	1,945.00
MONROE RUBBER & GASKET, INC.	105.12
NORWECO	4,385.00
PACO PUMPS, INC.	2,265.00
PARSON & SANDERSON, INC.	4,015.08

R. E. BENTZ, INC.	
SAIA	
STUART C. IRBY, INC.	
W. W. GRAINGER, INC.	
WALKER WATER WELL SERVICES	
WEST FEED MILLS & FARM SUPPLY,	INC.

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY DETAILS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

	TOTAL SYSTEM YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31	
	1999	1998
ACCOUNTING	20,045.00	16,045.00
ADVERTISING	185.45	191.71
BANK CHARGES	264.37	138.72
DUES	772.25	1,807.64
INSPECTION & SUPERVISION FEE	6,595.71	1,865.09
INSURANCE	32,282.19	23,597.79
LEGAL & ADMINISTRATIVE	48,949.01	61,826.56
MISCELLANEOUS	12,002.75	8,820.68
OFFICE SUPPLIES & EXPENSE	21,862.28	13,229.39
PAYROLL TAXES	4,481.89	2,775.08
POSTAGE	4,738.64	2,547.87
SALARIES - OFFICERS	33,459.70	29,561.41
SALARIES - OFFICE	3,898.20	3,844.06
TAXES & LICENSES	9,979.41	13,013.48
TELEPHONE	1,907.28	1,882.28
TRAVEL	433.34	395.62
TRUSTEE FEES	4,800.00	14,814.56
	206,657.47 ===================================	196,356.94

PRORATED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 3	31, 1999
WATER REVENUE	2,892,947.34	84.832%
SEWER REVENUE	517,266.71	15.168%
	3,410,214.05	100.000%

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY DETAILS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

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WATER SYSTEM		SEWER SYSTEM		
YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31		YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31		
1999	1998	1999	1998	
17,004.54	13,818.48	3,040.46	2,226.52 26.60 19.25 250.84 258.81 3,274.60 39,996.08 1,224.02 1,835.81 385.09 353.56 4,102.16 533.43 10,589.41 261.20 54.90 7,635.75	
157.32	165.11	28.13		
224.27	119.47	40.10		
655.11	1,556.80	117.14		
5,595.26	1,606.28	1,000.45		
27,385.58	20,323.19	4,896.61		
39,584.70	21,830.48	9,364.31		
10,182.15	7,596.66	1,820.60		
18,546.17	11,393.58	3,316.11		
3,802.07	2,389.99	679.82		
4,019.88	2,194.31	718.76		
28,384.48	25,459.25	5,075.22		
3,306.91	3,310.63	591.29		
4,270.15	2,424.07	5,709.26		
1,617.98	1,621.08	289.30		
367.61	340.72	65.73		
2,242.00	7,178.81	2,558.00		
167,346.19	123,328.90	39,311.28 ====================================	73,028.04	

PRORATED IN THE FOLLOWING MANNER:

YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 1998 2,709,760.76 436,613.93 3,146,374.69 100.000%

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY DETAILS OF OTHER INCOME AND OTHER EXPENSES

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	TOTAL SYSTEM YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31		
	1999 1999	1998	
OTHER INCOME			
Bad Debt Recovery	2,595.84	1,268.05	
Cash Over	199.82	0.00	
Discounts Earned	(461.18)	613.56	
Interest Earned	70,350.16	90,572.83	
Miscellaneous	6,364.12	735.37	
NSF Check Charges	4,170.00	3,792.00	
Oil & Gas Royalties	96.37	55.01	
Total Other Income	83,315.13	97,036.82	
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NSF Check Charges Provision For Bad Accounts Litigation Expense Cash Short	4,110.00 15,715.48 10,000.00 0.00	3,652.00 19,871.01 0.00 131.96
Cash Short	0.00	131.96
Total Other Expense	419,537.83	344,626.16

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY DETAILS OF OTHER INCOME AND OTHER EXPENSES

	WATER SYSTEM YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 YEAR ENDED AUG			
1999	1998	1999	1998	
2,595.84	1,268.05	0.00	0.00	
199.82	0.00	0.00	0.00	
(461.18)	613.56	0.00	0.00	
38,911.26	44,818.43	31,438.90	45,754.40	
6,364.12	735.37	0.00	0.00	
4,170.00	3,792.00	0.00	0.00	
96.37	55.01	0.00	0.00	
51,876.23	51,282.42	31,438.90	45,754.40	
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10,649.03	20,824.76	600.98	1,175.24
0.00	0.00	91,135.00	92,185.00
59,593.50	44,043.50	139,051.50	102,768.17
19,991.06	16,519.43	0.00	0.00
58,555.95	0.00	0.00	35,253.17
8,598.01	7,145.77	1,537.33	1,056.15
4,110.00	3,652.00	0.00	0.00
14,518.43	17,509.74	1,197.05	2,361.27
0.00	0.00	10,000.00	
0.00	131.96	0.00	0.00
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176,015.98	109,827.16	243,521.85	234,799.00
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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY INTEREST EARNED ON INVESTMENTS AUGUST 31, 1999

	YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31 1999 1998	
	67 6 7 7 7 7 7	
GENERAL FUND	0.00	0.00
REVENUE FUND	64.75	539.82
RESERVE FUND	12,422.81	13,027.97
RENEWALS, REPLACEMENTS & EXTENSIONS FUND	3,448.39	3,324.69
SINKING FUND	4,650.71	5,443.54
INTEREST FUND	4,946.57	4,234.32
SERIES 1994A FUND	223.51	3,175.54

SERIES 97A&B FUND	44,593.42	60,826.95
TOTAL	70,350.16	90,572.83
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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY COMPARATIVE STATISTICS

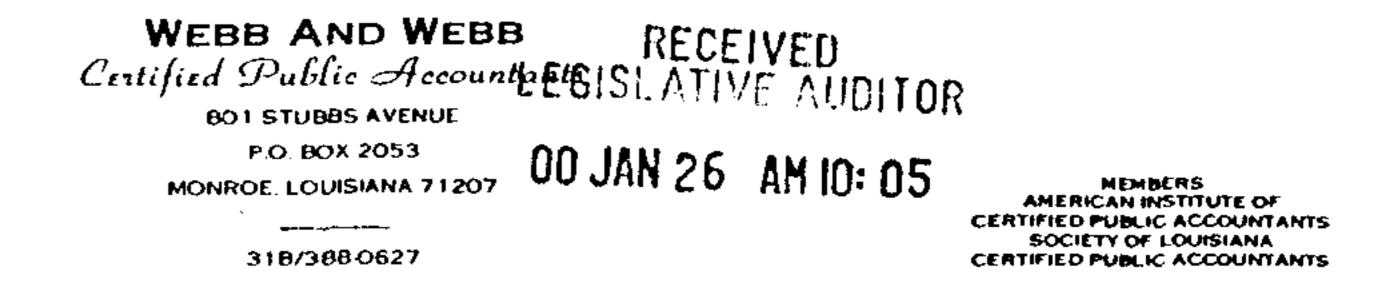
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	AUGUST 31 1999	AUGUST 31 1998	AUGUST 31 1997	AUGUST 31 1996	AUGUST 31 1995
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Total number of water customers at end of year	14,674	14,514	12,863	12,680	12,506
Average monthly consumption per water customer	8.0 M gal.	8.1 M gal.	8.2 M gal.	8.2 M gal.	7.7 M gal.
average monthly bill per water customer	\$16.70	\$17.02	\$16.06	\$16.82	\$16.07

Total number of sewer customers at end of year	2,381	2,339	2,194	2,147	1,980
Average monthly bill per sewer customer	\$18.21	\$16.31	\$15.02	\$15:14	\$15.03

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> We have audited the financial statements of Greater Ouachita Water Company as of August 31, 1999, and 1998, and have issued our report thereon, dated November 30, 1999.

> We conducted our audit in accordance with general accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

> Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to Greater Ouachita Water Company is the responsibility of Greater Ouachita Water Company's management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of Greater Ouachita Water Company's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of our audit of the financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

> Material instances of noncompliance are failures to follow requirements, or violations of prohibitions, contained in laws, regulations, contracts, or grants that cause us to conclude that the aggregation of the misstatements resulting from these failures or violations is material to the financial statements. The results of our tests of compliance disclosed the following instance of noncompliance that is material to the financial statements and has been recognized in Greater Ouachita Water Company's 1999 and 1998 financial statements.

> As noted in note F of the notes to financial statements of the reports ended August 31, 1999 and 1998, Greater Ouachita Water Company was issued a compliance order from the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality for certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control law. A \$6,000.00 fine was levied on April 5, 1990, and a liability was recognized at that time.

> We considered this instance of noncompliance in forming our opinion on whether Greater Ouachita Water Company's 1999 and 1998 financial statements are presented fairly, in all material respects, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles and this report does not affect our report dated November 30, 1999, on those financial statements.

Except as described above, the results of our test of compliance indicated that, with respect to the items tested, Greater Ouachita Water Company complied, in all material respects, with the provisions referred to in the third paragraph of this report; and, with respect to items not tested, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that Greater Ouachita Water Company had not complied, in all material respects, with those provisions.

This report is intended for the information of the audit committee, management, and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Barry Webb

November 30, 1999

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We conducted our audit in accordance with general accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatements.

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements of Greater Ouachita Water Company for the years ended August 31, 1999, and 1998, we considered its internal control structure in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control structure.

The management of Greater Ouachita Water Company is responsible for establishing and maintaining an internal control structure. In fulfilling this responsibility, estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of internal control structure policies and procedures. The objectives of an internal control structure are to provide management with reasonable, but no absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitation in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and no be detected. Also, projection of any evaluation of the structure to future periods is subject to the risk that procedures may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or that the effectiveness of the design and operation of policies and procedures may deteriorate.

For the purpose of this report we have classified the significant internal control structure policies and procedures in the following categories:

- 1. Financial statement captions:
 - a. Plant & Equipment
 - b. Special Funds
 - c. Cash
 - d. Receivables
 - e. Other Assets
 - f. Debt
 - g. Payables & Accrued Liabilities
 - h. Surplus
- 2. Accounting applications:
 - a. Billings
 - b. Receivables
 - c. Cash Receipts

- d. Accounts Payable
- e. Cash Disbursements
- f. General Ledger
- 3. Cycles of the entity's activities
- 4. Controls used in administering compliance with laws and regulations:
 - a. General Controls
 - b. Specific Controls

For all of the internal control structure categories listed above, we obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and we assessed control risk.

Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might be material weaknesses under standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. A material weakness is a condition in which the design ore operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses as defined above.

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November 30, 1999