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**GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
OF CAMERON PARISH
Grand Chenier, Louisiana**

**General Purpose Financial Statements
With Independent Auditor's Report
As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 1999**

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OF CAMERON PARISH
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Independent Auditor's Report

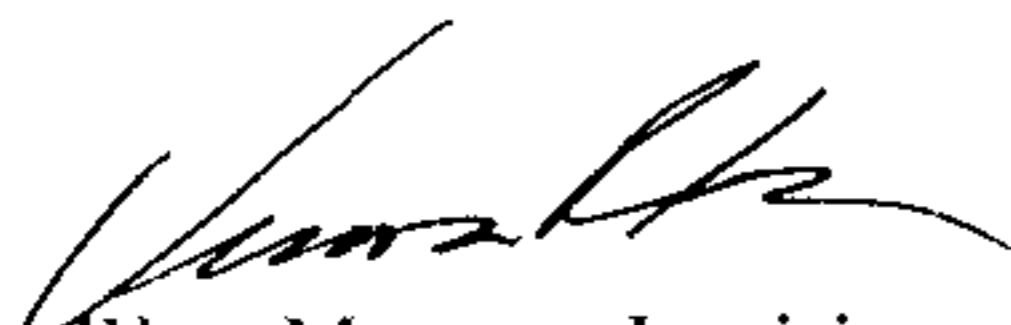
GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5 OF CAMERON PARISH Grand Chenier, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish, a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 1999, and for the year then ended, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Gravity Drainage District No. 5's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish as of December 31, 1999, and the results of operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated June 29, 2000 on Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish's compliance with laws and my consideration of the agency's internal control over financial reporting. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.


West Monroe, Louisiana
June 29, 2000

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**GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(OVERVIEW)**

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
 OF CAMERON PARISH
 Grand Chenier, Louisiana
 GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1999

ASSETS

Cash	\$465,719
Receivables - ad valorem taxes	106,493
	\$572,212
TOTAL ASSETS	\$572,212

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities - accounts payable	\$3,608
Fund Equity - fund balance - unreserved - undesignated	568,604
	\$572,212
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$572,212

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
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Grand Chenier, Louisiana
GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and
Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

REVENUES	
Ad valorem taxes	\$85,444
Permit fees	4,279
Use of money and property - interest earnings	18,734
Total revenues	<u>108,457</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Current - public works - operating services	43,696
Intergovernmental	3,608
Total expenditures	<u>47,304</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	61,153
FUND BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>507,451</u>
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	<u><u>\$568,604</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
OF CAMERON PARISH
Grand Chenier, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 1999

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish was created on September 9, 1962, as a political subdivision of the State of Louisiana under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:1751-1802, and was established for the purpose of opening and maintaining all natural drains in the district where drainage is accomplished using the natural force of gravity. The district is governed by a board of 5 commissioners who are appointed by the Cameron Parish Police Jury. The commissioners do not receive compensation for serving on the board.

A. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Cameron Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Cameron 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 Cameron Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

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

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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 appoints all board members of the district and can impose its will on the district, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Cameron 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 governmental 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 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 recovering 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 fund types (General Fund). All financial resources of the district are accounted for in this fund. General operating expenditures are paid from this fund.

C. FIXED ASSETS

The district does not own any general fixed assets. Drainage work is performed by contract labor, which supplies its own tools and equipment to maintain drains, ditches, and canals.

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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 are generally included on the balance sheet. Operating statements for these funds present increases (i.e., revenues and other financing sources) and decreases (i.e., expenditures and other financing uses) 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:

Revenues

Ad 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 interest bearing demand deposits is recorded at the end of the month when credited by the bank.

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 fund liability is incurred.

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 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

E. BUDGET PRACTICES

Louisiana law exempts all special districts created before December 31, 1974, from the requirements of the Local Government Budget Act. Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish was created on September 9, 1962, and accordingly, is exempt from the budgetary requirements. Management has determined that, due to the amount and nature of the expenditures, the adoption of a budget is not required for control purposes. Accordingly, the gravity drainage district did not adopt a budget for the year ended December 31, 1999; therefore, the accompanying financial statements do not include a comparison of revenues and expenditures to budget.

F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

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 in 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, 1999, the district has cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$465,719, as follows:

Demand deposits	\$90,719
Time deposits	375,000
Total	<u>\$465,719</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. 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. Cash and cash equivalents (bank balances) at December 31, 1999, are secured as follows:

Bank balances	<u>\$465,719</u>
Federal deposit insurance	\$200,000
Pledged securities (uncollateralized)	400,147
Total	<u>\$600,147</u>

Because the pledged securities are held by a custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank rather than the name of the district, they are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Codification C20.106; however, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the district that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

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 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

**G. VACATION/SICK LEAVE POLICY
 AND PENSION PLAN**

The district has no employees; therefore, the district does not have a formal policy on vacation and sick leave and does not contribute to a pension plan.

H. RISK MANAGEMENT

The district is exposed to various risk of loss related to torts; thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and injuries to employees. To handle such risk of loss, the district maintains surety bond coverage, a general liability policy, and an errors and omissions policy. No claims were paid on any of the policies during the past three years which exceeded the policies' coverage amount.

2. LEVIED TAXES

The district has an authorized tax millage of 5.13 mills for general maintenance and operation of the district. The tax expires with the 2006 tax roll. For the year ended December 31, 1999, the district levied 5.83 mills.

The following are the principal taxpayers for the parish and their 1999 assessed valuation (amounts expressed in thousands):

	Assessed Valuation	Percent of Total Assessed Valuation
Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America	\$8,393	6.31%
ANR Pipeline Company	6,809	5.12%
Dynegy Midstream Incorporated	4,802	3.61%
Transcontinental Gas Pipeline	4,344	3.27%
Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation	3,844	2.89%
Higman Barge Lines	3,465	2.61%
Omega Protein	3,023	2.27%
Tenneco	3,011	2.26%
Transcanada Gas Processing USA	2,442	1.84%
BP - Amoco	2,361	1.77%
Total	<u>\$42,494</u>	<u>31.95%</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

3. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The district is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 1999, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

**Independent Auditor's Reports Required
by *Government Auditing Standards***

The following independent auditor's reports on compliance and internal control are presented in compliance with the requirements of *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, issued by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor.

**Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance
and Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

**GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
OF CAMERON PARISH
Grand Chenier, Louisiana**

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish, a component unit of the Cameron Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999 and have issued my report thereon dated June 29, 2000. I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance


As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations and contracts, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements 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. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
OF CAMERON PARISH
Grand Chenier, Louisiana
Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance
And Internal Control Over Financial Reporting, etc.
December 31, 1999

This report is intended for the information of the board of commissioners of Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish and management of the district and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.



West Monroe, Louisiana
June 29, 2000

**GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 5
OF CAMERON PARISH
Grand Chenier, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999**

A. SUMMARY OF AUDIT RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unqualified opinion on the general purpose financial statements of Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish.
2. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of Gravity Drainage District No. 5 of Cameron Parish were disclosed during the audit.
3. No reportable conditions relating to the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting.

B. FINDINGS - FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT

None

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Grand Chenier, Louisiana**

**Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999**

There were no audit findings reported in the audit for the year ended December 31, 1998.