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GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1996

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
Gas Utility District No. 1
West Feliciana Parish
St. Francisville, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
ST. FRANCISVILLE, LOUISIANA

component unit of West Feliciana Parish Police Jury, St. Francisville, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended April 30, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our 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 we 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 general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana as of April 30, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated August 1, 1996 on our consideration of Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana's internal control structure and a report dated August 1, 1996 on its compliance with laws and regulations.

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Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The financial information referred to as supplemental information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana.

Such information, except for that portion marked "unaudited", on which we express no opinion, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

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

St. Francisville, Louisiana
August 1, 1996

Dyer & Vicknair

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY LABILITIES

CURRENT LIABILITIES (payable from
current assets)

Accounts payable	\$ 193,860
Compensated leave	5,902

Total current liabilities 199,762

CURRENT LIABILITIES (payable from
restricted assets)

Revenue bonds payable	90,000
Interest coupons payable	844
Accrued interest payable	18,563
Customers' security deposits	2,325

Total current liabilities (payable
from restricted assets) 111,732

LONG-TERM LIABILITIES

Revenue bonds payable	<u>460,000</u>
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Total liabilities 771,494

FUND EQUITY

Contributed capital	
In aid of construction	<u>345,592</u>
Retained earnings	
Reserved for revenue bond retirement	566,423
Unreserved	<u>(61,487)</u>

Total retained earnings 504,936

Total fund equity 850,528

Total liabilities and fund equity 1,622,022

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND
CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS
YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1996

<u>OPERATING REVENUES</u>	
Charges for services	\$ 2,218,287
Line lease	128,500
	<u>2,346,787</u>
<u>OPERATING EXPENSES</u>	
Gas purchased	2,163,066
Depreciation	54,829
All other	122,897
	<u>2,340,792</u>
<u>Operating income</u>	<u>5,995</u>
<u>NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)</u>	
Interest income	49,851
Miscellaneous income	175
Interest expense	(37,127)
Bad debts	(5,360)
	<u>7,539</u>
<u>NET INCOME</u>	<u>13,534</u>
<u>RETAINED EARNINGS, beginning of year</u>	<u>491,402</u>
<u>RETAINED EARNINGS, end of year</u>	<u>504,936</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1996

<u>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES</u>	
Operating income	\$ 5,995
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities	
Depreciation and amortization	56,293
(Increase) decrease in	
Receivables - customers	(171,461)
Prepaid insurance	413
Accrued interest receivable	(927)
Increase (decrease) in	
Accounts payable	76,487
Interest coupons payable	169
Accrued interest payable	(2,868)
Customers' security deposits	(125)
Compensated leave	<u>1,508</u>
<u>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</u>	<u>(34,516)</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>	
Miscellaneous income	<u>175</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES</u>	
Improvements to the gas system	(14,485)
Purchase of truck	(11,347)
Principal paid on bond maturities	(85,000)
Interest paid on bond maturities	<u>(39,995)</u>
<u>Net cash used for capital and related financing activities</u>	<u>(150,827)</u>
<u>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES</u>	
Interest on investments	47,998
Redemption of investments	<u>40,000</u>
<u>Net cash provided by investing activities</u>	<u>87,998</u>
<u>NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS</u>	(97,170)
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, beginning of year</u>	<u>796,618</u>
<u>CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, end of year</u>	<u>699,448</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
APRIL 30, 1996

INTRODUCTION

Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana was created by the West Feliciana Parish Police Jury under Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:4301-4308. The District is governed by nine commissioners. These nine members are referred to as the Board of Commissioners. The nine commissioners are appointed by the parish governing authority. The District was created to provide natural gas resources to residents within the District.

Note #1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying financial statements of Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the West Feliciana Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for West Feliciana Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organization for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which 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 No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of West Feliciana 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.

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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 of significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury meets criteria (1) above, Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana is determined to be a component unit of West Feliciana Parish Police Jury, financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by Gas Utility District No. 1 and do not present information on the Police Jury, the general government services provided by the Police Jury, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

C. Fund Accounting

The District is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a self-balancing set of accounts (Enterprise Fund) is maintained that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenses. The operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

D. Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The enterprise fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund is included on the balance sheet. The enterprise fund uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

E. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

A budget is not required by state law and, therefore, is not prepared.

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WEST FELICIANA PARISH
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F. Cash and Cash Equivalents and Investments

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest-bearing demand deposits. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all time deposits (including restricted assets) with a maturity of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents. Under state law, the District may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under Louisiana Revised Statute 33:2955, the District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes or certificates, or any other federally insured investment, or in mutual and trust fund institutions, which are registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and which have underlying investments consisting solely of and limited to securities of the United States government or its agencies. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Investments are stated at cost which approximate market value. Discounts and premiums on the purchase of investments are amortized over the life of the investment. This amortization is presented as accrued interest receivable.

G. Receivables

The direct charge-off method for bad debts is used; therefore, there is no allowance for doubtful accounts as no material write-offs are expected for receivables at the balance sheet date.

All amounts known to be uncollectible have been charged off.

Substantially all amounts presented are expected to be collected within one year.

H. Prepaid Insurance

Payments made for insurance coverage that will benefit periods beyond April 30, 1996, are recorded as prepaid insurance.

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WEST FELICIANA PARISH
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I. Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of the revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants. The "revenue bond" account is used to segregate resources accumulated for debt service payments over the next twelve months.

The "reserve" account is used to report resources set aside to make up potential future deficiencies in the "revenue bond" account. The "renewal and contingency" account is used to report resources set aside to meet unexpected contingencies or to fund asset renewals and replacements.

J. Property and equipment

Property and equipment are stated at historical cost.

Depreciation of property and equipment is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over an estimated useful life of 5 to 33 years.

K. Compensated Absences

Vested or accumulated vacation leave is recorded as a fund liability and operating expense in the year earned.

In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Standard No. 43, Accounting for Compensated Absences, no liability is recorded for nonvesting accumulated rights to receive sick pay benefits nor vacation leave.

L. Long-Term Liabilities

Long term liabilities are recognized within the Enterprise Fund.

M. Fund Equity

Contributed capital represents grants or contributions from governmental bodies, developers or customers.

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not legally segregated for a specified future use.

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Note #2: RETAINED EARNINGS DEFICIT

The deficit of unreserved retained earnings at April 30, 1996 was created by the reservation for bond retirement. The deficit will be eliminated when the bonds are paid off.

Note #3: CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At April 30, 1996, the carrying amount of deposits is \$54,005. This total is comprised of \$3,691 in demand deposits and \$50,314 in interest-bearing demand deposits. 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. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At April 30, 1996, the bank balance of the deposits is \$56,502. These deposits are secured from risk by federal deposit insurance.

Note #4: INVESTMENTS

Investments at April 30, 1996, are comprised of a mutual fund which invests in United States government securities. These investments are purchased through the fiscal agents and are fully secured by the United States government. The investments are stated at cost which approximates market.

Note #5: PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property and equipment follows:

Distribution system	\$1,664,269
Vehicles	11,347
Furniture and fixtures	3,748
Equipment	2,516
	<u>1,681,880</u>
Less: depreciation to date	1,079,638
<u>Net</u>	<u>602,242</u>

Depreciation expense charged to operations is \$54,829 for the year ended April 30, 1996.

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WEST FELICIANA PARISH
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
APRIL 30, 1996
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Note #6: BONDS PAYABLE

Bonds payable are comprised of the following issue:

\$1,600,000 Gas Utility District No. 1 Revenue Bonds dated April 8, 1971, for the purpose of constructing and improving a gas utility system for a portion of West Feliciana Parish, due in annual installments of various amounts through May 1, 2000, with interest ranging from 6% to 6.75%.

The annual requirements to amortize all debt outstanding as of April 30, 1996, including interest payments of \$102,939, are as follows:

<u>Year Ending</u> <u>April 30,</u>	<u>Amount</u>
1997	\$ 124,088
1998	122,844
1999	121,263
2000	119,344
2001	<u>165,400</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>652,939</u>

A summary of changes in bonds payable follows:

Revenue bonds payable, beginning of year	\$ 635,000
Revenue bonds retired	<u>85,000</u>
Revenue bonds payable, end of year	<u>550,000</u>

Note #7: FLOW OF FUNDS: RESTRICTION OF USE

Under the terms of the bond indenture on outstanding Gas Utility District Bonds, certain income and revenues, with the exception of pledged lease rentals, (hereinafter referred to as revenue) derived from the operation of the Gas District is dedicated to the retirement of said bonds, and are to be set aside into the following special accounts:

All of the revenue is to be deposited daily in the "Revenue" account.

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On the 20th day of each month, there shall be transferred from the "Revenue" account into an "Operation and Maintenance" account that amount required for the payment of the reasonable and necessary current expenses of operating, maintaining and repairing the system.

From the monies remaining in the "Revenue" account after the transfer into the "Operation and Maintenance" account, there shall next be paid by the 20th day of each month into the "Bond" account such sums, which together with other monies then on deposit in the "Bond" account, will be fully sufficient to pay the interest which will become due on the next succeeding interest payment date on the bonds then outstanding, if any, and the principal of all such bonds which will become due on May 1st.

There shall be deposited into the "Reserve" account on the 20th day of each month, one-half of all money remaining in the "Revenue" account after payments required above have been made. Deposits need not be made into the "Reserve" account if the money on hand equals or exceeds \$140,000. Money in the "Reserve" account shall be used solely for the payment of principal and interest on the bonds. The "Reserve" account has a balance of \$259,536 at April 30, 1996. Therefore, deposits are no longer required.

The next available money in the "Revenue" account after transfers as provided above, shall be deposited monthly on the 20th day of each month into the "Renewal and Contingency" account until there is accumulated and maintained in such account the sum of \$140,000. Money in this fund may be used for repairs, replacements, extensions or improvements to the system. Also, monies on deposit in this account may be transferred to the "Bond" account and "Operation and Maintenance" account in the event monies on deposit in these accounts are insufficient to meet the payments for which they were established. The "Renewal and Contingency" account has a balance of \$146,031 at April 30, 1996. Therefore, deposits are no longer required.

Note #8: RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

All employees of the Gas District have the opportunity to belong to the Parochial Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (System) a multiple employee, cost-sharing, public employee retirement system, controlled and administered by a separate board of trustees. The System is composed of two distinct plans, Plan A and Plan B, with separate assets and benefit provisions.

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During the year ended April 30, 1996, no employees belonged to the System.

All employees of the Gas District are members of the Social Security System.

Note #9: RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

During the year ended April 30, 1996, the Gas District sold \$21,629 of natural gas to West Feliciana Parish Police Jury.

Note #10: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

At April 30, 1996, employees of the District have accumulated and vested \$5,902 of employee leave benefits, which was computed in accordance with GASB Codification C60.

Note #11: LEASES

The Gas District leases to the State of Louisiana a gas transmission line which provides natural gas to the Louisiana State Penitentiary and East Louisiana State Hospital. The lease expires in 1998. The annual revenue from this lease is \$128,500. These lease rentals are pledged for the payment of the revenue bonds.

The Gas District leases office space on a monthly basis under an operating lease.

Note #12: MAJOR CUSTOMERS

The Gas District provides natural gas to the East Louisiana State Hospital and the Louisiana State Penitentiary.

During the year ended April 30, 1996, gas sold to the East Louisiana State Hospital and the Louisiana State Penitentiary was \$1,028,422 and \$1,004,519, respectively, which represents 46% and 45%, respectively, of the total gas sold.

Note #13: BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' COMPENSATION

The Board of Commissioners are paid a per diem of \$50 for attending a board meeting. Also, they are paid a mileage allowance of \$.23 per mile for the total miles traveled for board meetings.

The total amount of per diem and allowance for the year ended April 30, 1996 was \$4,970.

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WEST FELICIANA PARISH
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Note #14: UNMETERED GAS

Under the lease agreement between the State of Louisiana and the District, the State agrees to pay to the District each month the pro rate share of unaccounted for gas losses. Likewise, the District agrees to pay to the State each month the pro rata share of unaccounted for gas gain. During the year ended April 30, 1996, unaccounted for gas gains amounted to \$13,255 and is reflected as a charge against revenues.

Note #15: LITIGATION

The District is a co-defendent in a lawsuit in which the plaintiffs are seeking compensation for damages allegedly caused by the disposal many years ago of empty odorizing chemical cans on property now owned by the District.

An estimate of any possible loss cannot be made.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES
YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1996

Gas purchased	\$2,163,066
Salaries	57,318
Depreciation	54,829
Repairs and maintenance	22,502
Insurance	10,546
Truck operation	2,807
Professional services	8,772
Commissioners' per diem and mileage allowance	4,812
Payroll taxes	4,465
Office supplies and postage	1,712
Utilities	1,830
Rent	1,500
Amortization of bond expense	1,464
Taxes - other	1,329
Computer billing services	1,106
Telephone	888
DOTTIE system	449
All other	<u>1,397</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>2,340,792</u>

ENDED APRIL 30, 1994	1993	1992	1991	1990
\$ 2,227,617	\$ 1,926,558	\$ 1,665,495	\$ 2,134,387	\$ 1,945,902
<u>2,167,066</u>	<u>1,856,128</u>	<u>1,575,292</u>	<u>2,081,905</u>	<u>1,864,447</u>
60,551	70,430	90,203	52,482	81,455
<u>(21,141)</u>	<u>(28,533)</u>	<u>(21,418)</u>	<u>(11,339)</u>	<u>(20,740)</u>
<u>39,410</u>	<u>41,829</u>	<u>68,785</u>	<u>41,143</u>	<u>60,715</u>
<u>\$ 2,002,971</u>	<u>\$ 1,684,840</u>	<u>1,423,937</u>	<u>1,928,228</u>	<u>1,722,938</u>
\$ 1,634,442	\$ 1,634,442	\$ 1,634,442	\$ 1,634,442	\$ 1,634,442
9,664	9,664	9,664	9,664	9,664
3,748	3,748	3,748	3,748	3,748
<u>2,516</u>	<u>2,516</u>	<u>2,516</u>	<u>2,516</u>	<u>2,516</u>
<u>1,650,370</u>	<u>1,650,370</u>	<u>1,650,370</u>	<u>1,650,370</u>	<u>1,650,418</u>
<u>278</u>	<u>278</u>	<u>277</u>	<u>272</u>	<u>260</u>

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
SCHEDULE OF HISTORICAL DATA
APRIL 30, 1996
 (Unaudited)
 (Continued)

COST OF GAS PURCHASED

<u>MONTH</u>	<u>PER MCF</u>
May, 1995	3.23
June, 1995	3.25
July, 1995	3.19
August, 1995	2.89
September, 1995	3.25
October, 1995	3.20
November, 1995	3.38
December, 1995	4.01
January, 1996	5.07
February, 1996	4.05
March, 1996	4.34
April, 1996	4.32

GAS PURCHASED, BILLED AND LOST

	<u>YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1996 MCF</u>
Gas purchased	<u>562,143</u>
Gas billed	
Residential and commercial customers	26,471
Louisiana State Penitentiary	257,180
East Louisiana State Hospital	<u>278,439</u>
<u>Total billed</u>	<u>562,090</u>
<u>Gas lost</u>	<u>53</u>

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
SCHEDULE OF BOND MATURITY
GAS UTILITY DISTRICT REVENUE BONDS
APRIL 30, 1996

FISCAL YEAR ENDING APRIL 30,	BOND NUMBERS	REQUIREMENTS TO RETIRE			BALANCE OF PRINCIPAL OUTSTANDING
		TOTAL REQUIREMENTS	INTEREST		
			MAY 1	NOVEMBER 1	MAY 1
1996					\$ 550,000
1997	211-228	\$ 124,088	\$ 18,563	\$ 15,525	\$ 90,000
1998	229-247	122,844	15,525	12,319	95,000
1999	248-267	121,263	12,319	8,944	100,000
2000	268-288	119,344	8,944	5,400	105,000
2001	289-320	165,400	5,400		160,000
	<u>Totals</u>	<u>652,939</u>	<u>60,751</u>	<u>42,188</u>	<u>550,000</u>

GAS UTILITY DISTRICT NO. 1
WEST FELICIANA PARISH
SCHEDULE OF BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS' COMPENSATION
YEAR ENDED APRIL 30, 1996

Mr. Kevin Beauchamp	\$ 519
Ms. Bess Kelley	379
Mr. Joseph Kowalczyk	563
Mr. Anthony Long	534
Mr. Dennis Neal	600
Mr. Terry Osterberger	500
Mr. Jim Salvant	571
Mr. Edward Sharper	568
Mr. William Wade	<u>578</u>
<u>Total</u>	<u>4,812</u>

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON THE INTERNAL CONTROL STRUCTURE
BASED ON AN AUDIT OF GENERAL-PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

The Board of Commissioners
Gas Utility District No. 1
West Feliciana Parish
St. Francisville, Louisiana

We have audited the general-purpose financial statements of Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana for the year ended April 30, 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated August 1, 1996.

We conducted our 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 we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement.

The management of Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana 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 not 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 general-purpose financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of inherent limitations in any internal control structure, errors or irregularities may nevertheless occur and not 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 the policies and procedures may deteriorate.

In planning and performing our audit of the general-purpose financial statements of Gas Utility District No. 1, West Feliciana Parish, St. Francisville, Louisiana, for the year ended April 30, 1996, we obtained an understanding of the internal control structure. With respect to the internal control structure, 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 in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the general-purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. According, we do not express such an opinion.

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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 or operation of one or more of the specific internal control 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 general-purpose 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 considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

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

There were no comments concerning the internal control structure in the audit for the year ended April 30, 1995.

St. Francisville, Louisiana
August 1, 1996

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