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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE POINTE COUPEE PARISH POLICE JURY

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2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the Month

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Mr. Mark Ramagos, Chairman and Members of the Board of Commissioners Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee Morganza, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1995 as listed in the Table of Contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Board of the District'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 adopted by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and with provisions of Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the provisions of the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, published jointly by the Society of Louisiana Certified Public Accountants and the Louisiana Legislative Auditor. 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 includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose 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 the District as of December 31, 1995, and the results of its operations for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, I have also issued a report dated May 14, 1996, on my consideration of the District's internal control structure and report dated May 14, 1996, on its compliance with laws and regulations.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The statistical information listed as supplemental information in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the District. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, accordingly, I express no opinion on it.

George F. Delaune, CPA

May 14, 1996

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FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA COMBINED BALANCE SHEET GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE AND ACCOUNT GROUPS DECEMBER 31, 1995

	Govern-			
	mental	Account	Totals (Memorandum Only)	
	Fund Type	Group		
		General		
	General	Fixed		
	Fund	Assets	1995	1994
ASSETS				
Cash	\$38,071		\$38,071	\$36,925
Receivables -				
Ad valorem	27,910		27,910	29,259
State revenue sharing	747		7 4 7	
Due from other governmental units	896		896	1,885
Property, plant, and equipment		270,403	270,403	256,622
TOTAL ASSETS	\$67,624	\$270,403	\$338,027	\$324,691
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$ 523		\$ 523	\$1,186
Amount due retirement system	1,063		1,063	1,123
Amount ade remement system	1,005		1,000	1,125
Total Liabilities	1,586		1,586	2,309
Fund Equity:				
Contributed capital - 4th Ward	2,242		2,242	2,242
Investment in general fixed assets -				
Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury		11,000	11,000	11,000
Village of Morganza		5,275	5,275	5,275
4th Ward Fire Prevention District		58,729	58,729	58,729
General Fund Revenues		195,399	195,399	181,618
Fund balance -				
Unreserved - undesignated	63,797		63,797	63,519
Total Fund Equity	66,039	270,403	336,442	322,383
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$67,625	\$270,403	\$338,028	\$324,692

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	1995	1994
Revenues:		
Taxes -		
Ad valorem	\$28,285	\$29,259
Total Taxes	28,285	29,259
Intergovernmental revenues -		
State fire insurance rebate	3,500	3,177
State revenue sharing	2,244	2,228
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	5,744	5,405
Miscellaneous revenues -		
Interest earned	2,346	1,683
Reimbursement	2,830	1,003
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	5,176	1,683
Total Revenues	39,205	36,347
Expenditures:		
Current Operations -		
General Government -		
Professional fees	1,500	1,500
Tax collector fees	1,063	1,134
Total General Government	2,563	2,634
Public Safety -		
Vehicle maintenance	2,377	1,956
Radios/pagers maintenance	1,684	2,576
Fire equipment maintenance	3,450	,
Protective gear	707	
Building maintenance	245	734
Telephone	642	488
Utilities	1,495	1,641
Insurance	10,185	9,581
Supplies and small tools	960	1,969
Travel and training sessions	715	50
All others	123	196
Total Public Safety	22,583	19,191
Total Current Operations	25,146	21,825

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

	1995	1994
Capital Outlays -		
Vehicles	10,000	
Fire fighting equipment and tools		6,165
Protective gear		2,284
Radios and paging equipment	3,781	2,583
Total Capital Outlays	13,781	11,032
Total Expenditures	38,927	32,857
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over Expenditures	278	3,490
Fund Balance - January 1	63,519	60,029
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	\$63,797	\$63,519

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE BUDGET AND ACTUAL (GAAP BASIS) - GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE - GENERAL FUND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1995

	1995			1994
	Budget	Actual	Variance Favorable (Unfavorable)	Actual
Revenues:				
Taxes -				
Ad valorem	\$29,259	\$28,285	(\$974)	\$29,259
Total Taxes	29,259	28,285	(974)	29,259
Intergovernmental revenues -				
State fire insurance rebate	3,177	3,500	323	3,177
State revenue sharing	2,228	2,244	16	2,228
Total Intergovernmental Revenues	5,405	5,744	339	5,405
Miscellaneous revenues -				
Interest earned	1,683	2,346	663	1,683
Reimbursement		2,830	2,830	
Total Miscellaneous Revenues	1,683	5,176	3,493	1,683
Total Revenues	36,347_	39,205	2,858	36,347
Expenditures:				
Current Operations -				
General Government -				
Professional fees	1,500	1,500		1,500
Tax collector fees	1,134	1,063	71	1,134
Total General Government	2,634	2,563	71	2,634
Public Safety -				
Vehicle maintenance	2,000	2,377	(377)	1,956
Radios/pagers maintenance	3,000	1,684	1,316	2,576
Fire equipment maintenance		3,450	(3,450)	
Protective gear		707	(707)	
Building maintenance	1,000	245	<i>7</i> 55	734
Telephone	500	642	(142)	488
Utilities	2,000	1,495	505	1,641
Insurance	10,000	10,185	(185)	9,581
Supplies and small tools	2,000	960	1,040	1,969
Travel and training sessions	-	715	(715)	50
All others	500	123_	377	196
Total Public Safety	21,000_	22,583	(1,583)	19,191
Total Current Operations	23,634	25,146_	(1,512)	21,825

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

		1995		1994
	7	Α1	Variance Favorable	Δ 1
Capital Outlays -	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Vehicles	10,000	10,000		
Fire fighting equipment and tools Protective gear				6,165 2,284
Radios and paging equipment	<u></u>	3,781	(3,781)	2,583_
Total Capital Outlays	10,000	13,781	(3,781)	11,032
Total Expenditures	33,634	38,927	(5,293)	32,857
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenues Over				
Expenditures	2,713	278	(2,435)	3,490
Fund Balance - January 1	60,000	63,519	3,519	60,029
FUND BALANCE - DECEMBER 31	\$62,713	\$63,797	\$1,084	\$63,519

NOTE 1 - INTRODUCTION

On July 14, 1981, the 4th Ward Fire Protection District of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana was redesignated Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana (the "District") by a resolution of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury under authority of Louisiana Revised Statute 40 Section 1491. The District operates under a commission form of government and provides fire protection services to all the territory situated within the limits of Pointe Coupee Election District 3, as said Election District was constituted. The Board is composed of five commissioners: two appointed by the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury; two appointed by the Village of Morganza; and one appointed by the other four who acts as chairman. These five commissioners accept no compensation although per diem is allowed. The District has no employees. Labor is furnished through a intergovernmental service agreement with the local volunteer firefighters.

NOTE 2 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, Louisiana 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.

Reporting Entity

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Pointe Coupee 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 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 Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Pointe Coupee 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.
- 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.

Applying criteria #3, the District was determined to be a component unit of the Pointe Coupee 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.

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 relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds of the District are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account the District's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. Governmental funds of the District include:

General Fund – the general operating fund of the District and accounts for all financial resources.

Basis of Accounting

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The 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 of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Property tax revenues are recognized when they become available. Available means when due, or past due and receivable and collected generally within 60 days after year end. See Note 4 for the property tax calendar.

Miscellaneous revenue (except investment earnings) are recorded as revenue when cash is received because they generally are not measurable until actually received. Investment earnings are recorded as earned since they are measurable and available.

Federal and state grants and reimbursements are recorded when the District is entitled to the funds.

Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received by the District.

Expenditures

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred, except for principal and interest on general long-term debt which are recognized when due in the General Fund.

Budgets

Proposed operating budgets for the fiscal years 1991 through 2000 (the term of the approved ad valorem tax millage), prepared on GAAP Basis, are approved by the Board of Commissioners and adopted in accordance with the Local Government Budget Law. The operating budget includes proposed expenditures and the means of financing them.

During the year, monthly budgetary comparison statements are used as management tools to control operations. When necessary the Board adopts budget amendments which are included in District minutes published in the official journal.

The District exercises budgetary control at the line item level. Unexpended appropriations lapse at the end year end and must be reappropriated in the next year's budget to be expended..

Encumbrances 5

The District does not follow the encumbrance method of accounting.

Cash

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. 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.

Bad Debts

The District uses the direct charge-off method whereby uncollectible amounts due from charges are recognized as bad debts at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable. The direct charge-off method is used because it does not cause a material departure from GAAP and it approximates the valuation method.

Inventories

Inventories for supplies are immaterial and are recorded as expenditures when purchased.

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed, and the related assets are capitalized (reported) in the general fixed assets account group. Interest costs incurred during construction are capitalized. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical cost is not available. Donated fixed assets are stated at their estimated fair value on the date donated.

Compensated Absences

The District has no employees; therefore, it has no vacation or sick leave policies.

Fund Equity

The unreserved fund balances for governmental funds represent the amount available for budgeting future operations.

Comparative Data

Comparative total data for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the District's financial position and operations. However, complete comparative data (i.e., presentation of prior year totals by fund type in each of the statements) have not been presented since their inclusion would make the statements unduly complex and difficult to read.

Total Columns on Combined Statements

Total columns on the Combined Statements are captioned "Memorandum Only" to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 3 - CASH

At December 31, 1995, the status of deposited funds and collateralized balances are as follows:

Balance per bank statements	\$36,925
Secured by Federal Deposit insurance	36,925
Unsecured and Uncollateralized	\$0

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Since the balance of deposited funds do not exceed \$100,000 the pledge of securities is not required..

NOTE 4 - AD VALOREM TAXES

All taxable property located within the State of Louisiana is subject by law to taxation on the basis of its assessed valuation. The assessed value is determined by the Parish Assessor, except for public utility property which is assessed by the Louisiana Tax Commission.

The 1974 Louisiana Constitution provided that, beginning in 1978, all land and residential property were to be assessed at 10% of fair market value; agricultural, horticultural, marsh lands, timber lands and certain historic buildings are to assessed at 10% of "use" value; and all other property is to be

assessed at 15% of fair market value. Fair market values are determined by the elected assessor of the parish and are subject to review and final certification by the Louisiana Tax District. The Assessor is required to reappraise all property every four years.

The Sheriff of Pointe Coupee Parish, as provided by State Law, is the official tax collector of general property taxes levied by the Parish. By agreement, the Sheriff receives a commission of approximately 3.84%.

The millage rates are adopted in late October. The taxes are levied and notices are mailed out in mid November of the year. All taxes are due by December 31 of the year and are delinquent on January 1 of the next year, which is also the lien date.

State law requires the Sheriff to collect property taxes in the calendar year in which the assessment is made. If taxes are not paid by the due date of December 31, the taxes bear interest at one and one-fourth percent (1.25%) per month until the taxes are paid. After notice is given to the delinquent tax-payers, the Sheriff is required by the Constitution of the State of Louisiana to sell the least quantity of property necessary to settle the taxes and interest owed.

Property taxes are recognized as revenue in the year for which they are levied and become due. The majority of the year's taxes are usually collected in November and December of the year. Any amounts not collected at December 31 are shown as accounts receivable.

For the years ended December 31, 1995, taxes of \$27,909.94 were levied on property with assessed valuations totaling \$9,689,747 at the rate of 3.43 mills for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection purposes, including charges for fire hydrant rentals and service and for the purpose of paying the cost of acquiring, improving, or constructing fire protection facilities of the Fire Protection District, constituting works of public improvement, title to which shall be in the public.

NOTE 5 - DUE FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS

The balance due from other governmental units for reimbursement of a parishwide emergency telephone service is as follows:

Fire Protection District No. 1 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	\$52
Fire Protection District No. 3 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	414
Fire Protection District No. 4 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	215
Fire Protection District No. 5 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee	215
• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	\$896
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NOTE 6 - CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	January 1,			December 31,
	1995	Additions	Deletions	1995
Vehicles	\$148,390	\$10,000		\$158,390
Fire Fighting equipment/tools	40,717			40,717
Radios and paging equipment	41,693	3,781		45,474
Uniforms and protective gear	7,389			7,389
Office furniture and equipment	2,017			2,017
Fire hydrants	4,860			4,860
Buildings and improvements	11,556			11,556
Totals	\$256,622	\$13,781		\$270,403

NOTE 7 - PENSION PLAN AND RETIREMENT COMMITMENTS

The District has no employees; therefore, it has no pension plan or retirement commitments.

NOTE 8 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

There is no pending litigation against the District.

NOTE 9 - COMPENSATION PAID TO BOARD MEMBERS

In compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature, compensation paid to board members is as follows:

Mark Ramagos Eric Gustin Daryl Martin Eugene Serio Valery Joseph Landry	\$0 0 0 0
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NOTE 10 - FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

There are no active awards for the year ended December 31, 1995.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

SCHEUDLE 1 FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE MORGANZA, LOUISIANA TAXABLE PROPERTY VALUATIONS SINCE INCEPTION (UNAUDITED)

Year	Mills Levied	Assessed Value	Homestead Exemption	Tax to be Paid by Owner	Tax to be Paid by State	Total Tax
1982	3.00	\$9,844,498	\$1,572,051	\$24,817.60	\$4,716.26	\$29,533.86
1983	3.00	11,546,004	1,568,652	29,932.33	4,706.07	34,638.40
1984	3.00	9,048,974	1,600,534	22,345.62	4,801.69	27,147.31
1985	3.00	12,170,902	1,608,671	31,686.98	4,826.10	36,513.08
1986	4.01	9,524,387	1,626,432	31,671.14	6,523.09	38,194.23
1987	4.01	8,599,802	1,634,263	27,932.16	6,554.48	34,486.64
1988	4.01	8,780,793	1,504,641	29,177.38	6,034.31	35,211.69
1989	4.01	8,954,817	1,507,232	29,864.79	6,044.73	35,909.52
1990	4.01	7,964,444	1,487,812	25,971.29	5,966.85	31,938.14
1991	4.01	8,699,622	1,478,362	28,957.26	5,928.97	34,886.23
1992	3.56	9,730,755	1,508,185	29,272.50	5,369.31	34,641.81
1993	3.43	10,217,576	1,476,375	29,982.74	5,064.37	35,047.11
1994	3.43	10,041,022	1,510,806	29,259.07	5,182.49	34,441.56
1995	3.43	9,689,747	1,552,866	27,909.94	5,326.77	33,236.71

SCHEDULE 2

FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2

OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE

MORGANZA, LOUISIANA

MORGANZA, LOUISIANA

LAST TEN YEARS

(UNAUDITED)

1995	\$28,285	5,744	5,176		30.05	37,203		2,563	22,583	13,781		38,927			\$278	
1994	\$29,259	5,405	1,683		27. 247	76,24/		2,634	18,457	8,748		29,839			\$6,508	
1993	\$29,951	5,036	1,512		76, 400	36,477		2,892	16,162	15,733	13,354	48,141			(\$11,642)	
1992	\$28,355	5,598	1,894		25 047	25,84/		3,927	17,487		13,594	35,008			\$839	
1991	\$29,037	6,071	3,495		60,00	38,603		4,047	16,025	11,234	13,594	44,900			(\$6,297)	
1990	\$26,052	6,410	5,145		74,74	27,607		4,063	21,987	4,812	13,594	44,456			(\$6,849)	
1989	\$29,907	5,431	5,881			41,219		4,715	17,790	4,428	13,594	40,527			\$695	
1988	\$29,324	5,396	6,751	55,098		76,369		4,557	17,398	114,281		136,236			(\$39,667)	
1987	\$28,127	5,043	17,206			50,3/6		4,906	30,324	295		35,795			\$14,581	
1986	\$31,701	6,889	4,924		I.	45,514		4,864	10,869	6,224		21,957			\$21,557	
	Revenues and Other Sources: Taxes	Intergovernmental revenues	Miscellaneous revenues	Debt financing	Total Revenues and	Other Sources	Expenditures and Other Uses:	General government	Public safety	Capital outlays	Debt service	and Other Uses	Excess (Deficiency) of	Revenues and Other Sources	Over Expenditures and Other Uses	

With respect to the internal control structure, I obtained an understanding of the design of relevant policies and procedures and whether they have been placed in operation, and I assessed control risk in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide an opinion on the internal control structure. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion.

My 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 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 general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by personnel in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control structure and its operations that I consider to be material weaknesses as defined above, except that the District's operations are too small to have an adequate internal control structure.

This condition was considered in determining the nature, timing, and extent of the audit tests to be applied in my audit of the 1995 financial statements, and this report does not affect my report on the financial statements dated May 14, 1996.

This report is intended solely for the use of management, the Police Jury of the Parish of Pointe Coupee, New Roads, Louisiana (oversight entity), and the Legislative Auditor for the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF THE GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Mr. Mark Ramagos, Chairman and the Members of the Board of Commissioners Fire Protection District No. 2 of the Parish of Pointe Coupee New Roads, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT NO. 2 OF THE PARISH OF POINTE COUPEE, LOUISIANA (the "District"), a component unit of the Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury, for the year ended December 31, 1995, and have issued my report thereon dated May 14, 1996.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, 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.

Compliance with laws, regulations, contracts, and grants applicable to the District is the responsibility of management. As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants. However, the objective of my audit of the general purpose financial statements was not to provide an opinion on overall compliance with such provisions. 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.

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