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**CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE
DISTRICT NO. 1**

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**PARISH OF JEFFERSON
STATE OF LOUISIANA**

DECEMBER 31, 1997

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**CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
OF THE PARISH OF JEFFERSON**

SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS

STATUS OF PRIOR-YEAR FINDINGS

UNRESOLVED RESOLVED

Prior Year Finding

- 1) In performing our audit we noted that a physical inventory of supplies was performed annually; however, there was no year end reconciliation of the physical inventory count to the perpetual inventory balance.

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Resolution

The client is currently investigating fluctuations and reconciling inventory balances.

FINANCIAL REPORT

INCORPORATED SERVICE DISTRICT NO. 1

PARTIAL OF YEAR

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

DECEMBER 31, 1987

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LUTHER C. SPEIGHT & COMPANY

A Corporation of Certified Public Accountants
and Management Consultants

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Honorable Parish President and
The Honorable Jefferson Parish Council
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; **Government Auditing Standards**, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and provisions of Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-128, "Notice of State and Local Governments." Those standards and OMB Circular A-128 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 audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements present only the Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 and are not intended to present fairly the financial position of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonproprietary trust funds in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, as of December 31, 1997 and 1996, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with **Government Auditing Standards**, we have also issued a report dated May 28, 1998 on our consideration of the District's internal control structure and its compliance with laws and regulations.

Luther C. Speight & Company
May 28, 1998

CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Balance Sheets

December 31, 1997 and 1996

ASSETS	1997	1996
Current assets		
Cash	\$	\$
Share of pooled assets	2,087,135	2,000,343
Receivables		
Accounts	2,029,083	3,488,837
Advances from		
Ad valorem taxes	5,157,434	4,960,245
Due from other governments	8,134	8,498
Inventory, at average cost	2,417,133	1,511,194
Prepaid expenses	-	10,000
Total current assets	13,085,085	11,899,067
Restricted assets:		
Construction fund	26,123,369	23,487,337
Property, plant, and equipment		
Land	11,730,402	11,710,202
Plant and equipment	410,380,582	404,011,898
	422,110,071	415,722,199
Less accumulated depreciation	(82,092,575)	(73,895,420)
	340,017,496	341,826,779
Construction in progress	4,185,027	-
Total property, plant, and equipment	344,225,722	341,826,779
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 381,448,042	\$ 377,189,322

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CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Balance Sheets

December 31, 1997 and 1996

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 481,981	\$ 687,432
Accrued payroll expenses	1,820,780	1,587,908
Deferred revenue	<u>6,232,073</u>	<u>4,984,714</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>7,295,821</u>	<u>7,260,042</u>
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets		
Contracts payable	878,202	-
Retention payable	<u>207,822</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current liabilities payable from restricted assets	<u>786,014</u>	<u>-</u>
Total liabilities	<u>8,099,891</u>	<u>7,260,042</u>
Fund equity		
Contributed capital		
Parish	18,812,848	18,440,887
Subdividers	13,848,898	13,432,396
Citizens	3,108,821	3,188,278
Ad valorem tax bonds	8,281,857	8,512,188
Sales tax bonds	242,861,768	242,583,773
State	85,942	88,828
Federal government	<u>49,783,432</u>	<u>50,527,028</u>
Total contributed capital	<u>333,187,455</u>	<u>335,173,771</u>
Retained earnings		
Reserved for construction	23,235,011	23,407,377
Unreserved	<u>18,822,730</u>	<u>11,385,032</u>
Total retained earnings	<u>48,295,741</u>	<u>34,792,409</u>
Total fund equity	<u>371,358,196</u>	<u>369,966,180</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	\$ <u>8,461,448,942</u>	\$ <u>8,377,199,222</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CONSOLIDATED FINERPACE DISTRICT NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings

For the Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Operating revenues		
Service charges	\$ 11,876,130	\$ 14,030,271
Severance charges	272,951	289,145
Sanitary connection fees	80,498	45,237
Other service charges	<u>289,214</u>	<u>133,038</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>12,518,793</u>	<u>14,507,691</u>
Operating expenses		
Personal services - Salaries & wages	8,072,388	8,071,894
Personal services - Employee benefits	1,190,958	1,232,733
Supplies	1,888,148	2,127,267
Purchased Services - Professional and Technical	6,141,260	6,181,768
Purchased Services - Property	2,051,445	3,180,547
Purchased Services - Other	1,838,127	1,721,138
General	53,889	101,822
Depreciation	<u>8,858,281</u>	<u>8,689,100</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>37,128,671</u>	<u>38,285,432</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(24,609,878)</u>	<u>(23,777,741)</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)		
Taxes	4,818,487	4,762,181
State revenue sharing	31,2017	347,809
Intergovernmental revenues	2,313,536	-
Interest income	1,344,682	1,451,685
Construction revenue availability fees	448,480	401,700
Loss on transfer of fixed assets	<u>(3,888)</u>	<u>-</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>9,852,631</u>	<u>6,963,375</u>
Income (loss) before operating benefits	<u>(14,757,247)</u>	<u>(16,814,366)</u>
Operating transfers in	<u>2,899,026</u>	<u>1,908,080</u>
Net income (loss)	<u>(11,858,221)</u>	<u>(14,906,286)</u>
Add depreciation on property, plant, and equipment acquired by capital contributions that reduces contributed capital	<u>8,412,287</u>	<u>8,218,140</u>
Increase in retained earnings	<u>6,443,330</u>	<u>3,311,854</u>
Retained earnings, beginning of year, as previously reported	24,792,489	22,253,484
Prior period adjustment	-	(213,751)
Retained earnings, beginning of year, as restated	<u>24,792,489</u>	<u>21,939,733</u>
Retained earnings, end of year	<u>\$ 12,934,268</u>	<u>\$ 17,050,497</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Statements of Cash Flows

For the Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

	1997	1996
Cash flows from operating activities		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (14,871,518)	\$ (13,681,775)
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	6,589,951	6,668,903
Changes in assets and liabilities		
(Increase) decrease in receivables	638,747	(1,452,372)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(905,836)	(75,431)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid expenses	10,000	13,370
Increase (decrease) in payables	500,803	256,579
Increase (decrease) in accrued liabilities	71,887	99,127
Total adjustments	5,805,352	5,510,585
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	(9,066,166)	(8,171,190)
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities		
Taxes	4,378,858	4,715,662
State revenue sharing	313,817	317,603
Intergovernmental revenues	2,312,210	-
Operating transfers from other Jefferson Parish funds	2,000,000	1,530,082
Net cash provided by (used for) noncapital financing activities	9,004,885	6,573,347
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities		
Acquisition of fixed assets	(300,846)	(167,448)
Additions to construction in progress	(4,158,227)	-
Construction sever availability fees	448,450	401,330
Net cash provided by (used for) capital and related financing activities	(4,104,423)	233,882

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CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Statements of Cash Flows (Continued)

For the Years Ended December 31, 1997 and 1996

	1997	1996
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest on investments	\$ 1,944,902	\$ 1,491,995
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities	1,944,902	1,491,995
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,482,784	1,637,712
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	26,437,720	23,870,068
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	\$ 26,910,504	\$ 25,437,730
NONCASH INVESTING, CAPITAL, AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contributions of capital	\$ 8,346,871	\$ 12,757,370
Acquisitions of fixed assets with capital contributions	(8,346,871)	(12,757,370)
Change in estimate of accrued claims payable (Effect on net income for change in estimate of accrued claims payable)	-	-
	\$ -	\$ -
Cash and cash equivalents at December 31 consists of:		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ -	\$ -
Share of pooled assets	2,687,138	2,099,343
	2,687,138	2,099,343
Restricted assets:		
Share of pooled assets	24,123,366	23,437,377
Total	\$ 26,910,504	\$ 25,437,730

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

CONSOLIDATED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1997

NOTE 4 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson (the District) was created effective January 1, 1990, pursuant to Louisiana Public Law, approved by the Jefferson Parish Council on December 4, 1991, and includes all of the facilities within former East Bank Consolidated Sewerage District of Jefferson Parish and West Bank Consolidated Sewerage District of the Parish of Jefferson. Significant entities included the former Sewerage District No. 7 of the Parish of Jefferson, West of Louisiana, Sewerage District No. 11 of the Parish of Jefferson, West of Louisiana, Sewerage District No. 12 of the Parish of Jefferson, West of Louisiana, and Sewerage District No. 13 of the Parish of Jefferson, West of Louisiana. The District was established for the purpose of providing sewerage services for the residents of the unincorporated areas of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. The financial statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles. The more significant of the District's accounting policies are described below.

1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For financial reporting purposes in accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 1, the District is a component unit of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana. Like Parish, the reporting entity (the Reporting Entity). The accompanying financial statements present information only as to the transactions of the District and are not intended to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana.

2. FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the District are organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a separate self-balancing set of accounts that comprise the assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenses is maintained for the purpose of carrying on specific activities or discharging certain obligations in accordance with special regulations, restrictions or limitations. The District is presented in the accompanying financial statements as follows:

A. PROPRIETARY FUND

- 1) **The Enterprise Fund** is used to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises where the intent of the governing body is that the costs incurred, including depreciation of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis on a cost-plus or cost-plus-allowance or cost-plus-fee basis.

3. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Proprietary Fund is accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

In accordance with Statement No. 34 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), "Accounting and Financial Reporting for Proprietary Funds and Other Governmental Activities that use Proprietary Fund Accounting," it is the District's policy to apply all applicable new pronouncements as well as all Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board (APB) Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Institute of Accounting Procedures (IASB) issued on or before December 31, 1997, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contravene GASB pronouncements. The District has not adopted any Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements or Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions or Accounting Research Bulletins of the same date or issued by procedure issued after December 31, 1997.

4. OTHER INVESTMENTS AND SHARE OF PUBLIC UTILITY

The "Share of Public Assets" of the District are paid in the appropriate Jefferson Parish consolidated funds and invested directly by the Parish. Income earned on the public investments is allocated to the various funds based on each fund's respective "Share of Public Assets" balance. Funding assets are carried on each fund's account statement.

For purposes of the statement of Cash Flows, cash and cash equivalents include all highly liquid investments (including restricted assets) with a maturity of three months or less when purchased.

Investments are stated at amortized cost, subject to adjustment for market declines judged to be other than temporary. Discounts and premiums on the purchase of investments are amortized over the life of the investment beginning from the date of purchase to the date of maturity.

COMMERCIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT No. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
STATE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
December 31, 1987

NOTE 4 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

4. BANK DEPOSITS AND OTHER DEPOSIT ACCOUNTS (Continued)

All of the District's deposits, including cash and certificates of deposit, are carried at cost.

Louiana statutes permit the District to invest in United States bonds, Treasury notes, or certificates, or other obligations of the U.S. Government and agencies of the U.S. Government which are federally guaranteed, and certificates of deposit of state banks and national banks having their principal office in the state of Louisiana, or in national or trust fund institutions which are registered and which have underlying investments limited to securities of the U.S. Government or its agencies.

5. ALLOWANCE FOR DUBIOUS RECEIVABLES

The District considers accounts receivable to be fully collectible according to an allowance for doubtful accounts has been established. Doubtful accounts are recognized as bad debts as the case information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectibility of the particular receivable.

6. INVENTORY

Inventory of materials and supplies in the District is valued at average cost.

7. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Included in restricted assets is the "Construction Fund" account, which is used to segregate those resources accumulated by collection of asset availability fees to be used for capital improvements and renovation.

8. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT associated with the activity of the District are recorded as assets of that District. All purchased fixed assets are valued at cost where historical records are available and if no satisfactory historical cost where no historical records exist. Also, assets are capitalized for those acquired through capital contributions.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized. Improvements are capitalized and depreciated over the remaining useful lives of the related fixed assets, as applicable.

Depreciation of these assets is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets. The estimated useful lives may be found in Item 9. Depreciation expense applicable to these fixed assets is charged through capital contributions. It is charged out to the related contributed capital accounts rather than operating earnings. It is considered preferable under the matching concept, as receipts of these fixed assets have been recorded as additions to contributed capital.

Interest is capitalized on assets acquired with long-term debt. The amount of interest to be capitalized is calculated by allocating interest expense incurred from the date of the borrowing until completion of the project with interest earned on financial proceeds over the same period.

9. DEBTORS' LIABILITIES

Accounts (normal terms) and other pay (short term) are accrued when incurred in the District.

10. EQUITY

Contributed capital is recorded for assets acquired by contributions from developers, customers or other funds.

A portion of total retained earnings of the District is reserved to indicate that a part of fund equity is legally restricted for a specific future use. Reserves for construction are provided for in the financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE
 Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
 WITH FINANCIAL STATEMENTS CONTINUED
 December 31, 1997

NOTE B - RECEIVABLES

Receivables consist of the following at December 31:

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Accounts	\$1,428,180	\$1,448,817
- All related taxes	1,117,728	1,302,748
- Due from other governments	<u>310,452</u>	<u>146,069</u>
	<u>\$1,738,638</u>	<u>\$1,594,886</u>

The parish considers uncollectible receivables at year-end to be those amounts for services rendered by customers in the current year, but not actually billed by the district until the following year. The uncollectible receivables at December 31, 1997 and 1996 is \$1,428,180 and \$1,448,817, respectively.

The parish had the following receivables due from other governments as of December 31, 1997:

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
- Due from State of Louisiana	\$0	\$0
- Due from Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department	<u>310,452</u>	<u>146,069</u>
	<u>\$310,452</u>	<u>\$146,069</u>

NOTE C - DEFERRED ASSETS

Deferred assets are comprised of the following at December 31, 1997:

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Share of pooled assets	<u>\$2,128,140</u>	<u>\$2,128,140</u>

CORCO, UNITED SEWERAGE DISTRICT NO. 1
GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
December 31, 1997

NOTE 5 - PROPERTY, PLANT, EQUIPMENT, DEPRECIATION AND CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS

A summary of changes in property, plant, equipment, depreciation, and construction in progress for the year ended December 31, 1997 follows:

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1996	ADDITIONS	NET TRANSFERS (TO) FROM OTHER FUNDS	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1997
Buildings	\$ 1,078,676	\$ 161,770	\$ -	\$ 1,240,446
Collection and distribution system	264,280,843	1,429,688	-	265,710,531
Water treatment plants	111,276,871	212,886	-	111,489,757
Improvements	888,384	-	-	888,384
Furniture & Fixtures	470,488	-	-	470,488
Equipment	3,078,107	149,870	(40,784)	3,287,193
Vehicles	1,867,185	268,787	(268,787)	1,867,185
	<u>46,000,044</u>	<u>4,790,598</u>	<u>(309,564)</u>	<u>50,481,078</u>
Land	11,756,442	25,372	-	11,781,814
	<u>\$ 46,000,044</u>	<u>\$ 4,790,598</u>	<u>\$ (309,564)</u>	<u>\$ 50,481,078</u>

	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION DECEMBER 31, 1996	1997 ACCUMULATED	NET TRANSFERS (TO) FROM OTHER FUNDS	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION DECEMBER 31, 1997
Buildings	\$ 118,542	\$ 128,189	\$ -	\$ 246,731
Collection and distribution system	16,288,871	3,228,828	-	19,517,699
Water treatment plants	26,117,871	2,685,281	-	28,803,152
Improvements	179,788	85,301	-	265,089
Furniture & Fixtures	117,260	24,283	-	141,543
Equipment	1,046,278	271,199	(208,684)	1,118,793
Vehicles	2,709,208	347,751	(208,209)	2,848,750
	<u>\$ 27,607,628</u>	<u>\$ 3,395,631</u>	<u>\$ (208,893)</u>	<u>\$ 30,794,366</u>

Construction in progress is comprised of the following at December 31, 1997:

	PROJECT NOTIFICATION	EXPENSES TO DECEMBER 31, 1997	COMMITTED	APPROXIMATE TOTAL FINANCING
Plant and Site Improvements	\$ 17,421,260	\$ 4,708,887	\$ 12,612,373	None

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1
 DIVISION FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
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 DECEMBER 31, 1999

NOTE 8 - PROPERTY, PLANT, EQUIPMENT, DEPRECIATION AND CONSTRUCTION IN PROGRESS(Included)

A summary of changes in property, plant, equipment, depreciation, and construction in progress for the year ended December 31, 1999 is shown:

	BALANCE DECEMBER 31, 1998	PLUS PURCHASE ACQUISITIONS	ACQUISITIONS	NET DISPOSALS 1999 SALES OF ASSETS	DECREASE DECEMBER 31, 1999
Buildings	\$ 4,360,180	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,423,480	\$ 2,936,700
Collection and distribution system	11,280,180	-	-	11,280,180	-
Water treatment plants	230,000	-	-	230,000	-
Improvements	230,000	-	-	-	230,000
Part of 1997 & 1998 sales	1,770,179	1,640,000	-	-	3,410,179
Equipment	1,770,179	-	967,440	66,220	2,171,399
Subtotal	19,640,618	1,640,000	967,440	12,999,880	19,247,178
Land	361,766,899	-	-	-	361,766,899
	\$ 19,999,880	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 967,440	\$ 12,999,880	\$ 19,608,977

	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION DECEMBER 31, 1998	1999 DECREASING ADJUSTMENTS	1999 INCREASING ADJUSTMENTS	NET TRANSFERS 1999 SALES OF ASSETS	ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION DECEMBER 31, 1999
Buildings	\$ 4,360,180	\$ -	\$ 1,060,180	\$ -	\$ 5,420,360
Collection and distribution system	20,000,000	-	2,440,000	-	22,440,000
Water treatment plants	1,280,000	-	1,280,000	-	2,560,000
Improvements	1,280,000	-	1,280,000	-	2,560,000
Part of 1997 & 1998 sales	1,770,179	1,640,000	-	-	3,410,179
Equipment	1,770,179	-	1,137,260	66,220	2,973,459
Subtotal	11,460,618	1,640,000	3,074,640	66,220	16,241,458
	\$ 11,460,618	\$ 1,640,000	\$ 3,074,640	\$ 66,220	\$ 16,241,458

Construction in progress is comprised of the following at December 31, 1999:

	PROPERTY ACQUIRED DECEMBER 31, 1999	EXPENSES TO DECEMBER 31, 1999	COMPLETED	REMOVED 1999 SALES (1999)
Plant and 1994 improvements	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

UNION-CITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 1997

NOTE 6 - PROPERTY, PLANT, EQUIPMENT, DEPRECIATION, AND ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

Increases of \$6,132,76 in property, plant, and equipment are the result of the capitalization of those assets accumulated in Capital Project Funds. These funds are reported in the Parish's Unappropriated Special Financial Report. The Capital Project Funds are funded primarily by a parcelable dedicated sales tax to construct and improve the sewer plants and sewer lines of the parish.

As of December 31, 1997, the costs of 455,000 decommissioned plants and their related contributed capital accounts have been removed from property, plant and equipment. Current and future costs of similar items are added by reuniting land and sea. Management is not aware of any potential future liabilities which might arise from regulatory or environmental concerns in regard to final disposition of these plants.

During the year ended December 31, 1995, 1996 and the associated decommissioning costs totaling \$827,164 of the former North Treatment Plant were transferred to the General Fund Assets Account Group of the Parish of Jefferson.

During the year ended December 31, 1995, expenditures to the North Property located on Jefferson Highway were completed and the property was sold 100% by the Sewerage District and the Division and General Sewerage Departments. Costs \$600,1440 with the property of \$4,700,870 for 1995 and \$1,211,454 for 1996 were paid by the Sewer Capital Construction Fund and were capitalized. An agreement to reimburse the Sewer Capital Construction Fund for the costs \$600,1440 with facilities used by the Division and District Sewerage Departments will be needed under a reimbursement program beginning in 1998.

During the year ended December 31, 1994, land and the associated decommissioning costs totaling \$827,164 of the former West Napoleon Sewage Treatment Plant were transferred to the Library District of the Parish of Jefferson.

NOTE 7 - RETIREMENT AGREEMENTS

As a result of a physical inventory retained earnings were released as of January 1, 1996. The effect of the release was to decrease equipment in the amount of \$112,154, decrease the corresponding accumulated depreciation in the amount of \$107,181. The net effect to retained earnings was a decrease in the amount of \$44,973.

NOTE 8 - CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

All full-time classified employees of the Parish hired prior to April 30, 1984, are permitted to accumulate and carry forward from one calendar year to the next a maximum of 90 days of accrued vacation (annual leave) and an unlimited number of days of accrued sick leave. Upon termination of employment, an employee is paid for his accumulated annual leave and, after 30 years of employment, has the option of receiving retirement credits (if eligible) or cash payment for one-half of his accumulated sick leave. Any employee who has a current balance of 90 or more days of annual leave may be reimbursed for any number up to, but not in excess of, 30 days. An involuntary separation, regardless of reimbursement must be satisfied to the Finance Department in writing not later than October 1 of the year preceding the year in which reimbursement is to be made. On December 31, 1997 and 1996 the accrued annual and sick leave, and salary-related costs are \$1,655,820 and \$1,741,827, respectively.

All-time classified employees hired after April 30, 1984, are permitted to carry forward no more than 30 days of accrued vacation (annual leave) and an unlimited number of days of accrued sick leave. Upon termination of employment an employee is paid for his accumulated annual leave and after 30 years of employment (subject to paid up to 30 days of accrued sick leave).

Salary related costs (i. e., Medicare, Social Security, etc.) have been accrued as of December 31, 1997 and 1996 in accordance with GASB Statement #84 for those employees hired after April 1, 1984.

COMMERCIAL NATIONAL BANKING CO. 1
 JEFFERSON COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI
 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)
 DECEMBER 31, 1997

NOTE 4 - CHANGES IN CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL

A summary of changes in the Director's contributed capital accounts for the year ended December 31, 1997 and 1996 are as follows:

December 31, 1997					
	Beginning Balance	Transfer to of fixed assets of non-con- stituted with funds provided by Pariah sales tax bonds	Transfer of fixed assets to other Jefferson Pariah Funds	Depreciation expense for the year	Total
Pariah	\$ 51,468,587	\$ -	\$ (78,588)	\$ (520,713)	\$ 50,917,666
Subscribers	11,232,396	-	-	(288,489)	10,943,907
Citizens	3,186,206	-	-	(77,883)	3,108,323
All other non tax bonds	8,712,586	-	-	(281,189)	8,431,397
Pariah sales tax bonds	267,283,777	4,268,588	-	(5,075,524)	266,476,841
State	88,525	-	-	(2,588)	85,937
Federal government	55,837,658	-	-	(7,158,794)	48,678,864
	<u>\$ 325,776,777</u>	<u>\$ 4,268,588</u>	<u>\$ (78,588)</u>	<u>\$ (6,013,388)</u>	<u>\$ 323,953,669</u>

December 31, 1996					
	Beginning Balance	Transfer to of fixed assets of non-con- stituted with funds provided by Pariah sales tax bonds	Transfer of fixed assets from other Jefferson Pariah Funds	Depreciation expense for the year	Total
Pariah	\$ 42,888,889	\$ -	\$ 8,448	\$ (588,891)	\$ 42,408,446
Subscribers	11,815,626	-	-	(288,489)	11,527,137
Citizens	3,282,999	-	-	(77,883)	3,205,116
All other non tax bonds	8,743,876	-	-	(281,189)	8,462,687
Pariah sales tax bonds	289,827,800	11,188,495	-	(5,075,524)	295,940,771
State	91,186	-	-	(2,588)	88,598
Federal government	55,837,658	-	-	(7,158,794)	48,678,864
	<u>\$ 325,776,777</u>	<u>\$ 11,188,495</u>	<u>\$ 8,448</u>	<u>\$ (6,013,388)</u>	<u>\$ 320,959,932</u>

JEFFERSON PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 1
DEFINITION PERIOD, LOCATIONS
Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 1992

NOTE 4 - DEFERRED SAVINGS RECEIVED

Deferred savings received for construction are as follows:

	1992	1991
Balance, Beginning	\$ 25,447,57	\$ 21,346,767
Plant Investment Fees	444,790	491,700
Interest Earned	1,529,454	1,264,899
Construction Loan Incurred	(2,144,047)	-
Interest Credits	2,517,211	-
Balance, Ending	\$ 27,894,985	\$ 23,103,366

NOTE 5 - WATERAGE SERVICE RATES

Pursuant to Ordinance #5827, adopted by the Jefferson Parish Council on February 7, 1992 amending monthly water service charges, the following waterage service rates were applied to billings for all users of the system effective February 15, 1992:

MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULE

METER SIZE (GALLONS)	
1/4" or 1/2"	\$.20
1"	1.50
2"	2.50
3"	3.75
4"	5.17
6"	7.50
8"	10.00
10"	13.75
12"	17.50

BI-MONTHLY SERVICE CHARGE SCHEDULE

METER SIZE (GALLONS)	
1/4" or 1/2"	\$ 1.00
1"	2.75
2"	4.75
3"	7.50
4"	10.34
6"	15.00
8"	20.00
10"	26.25
12"	33.75

Additionally, sewerage usage rates for residential customers were amended to provide for a volume charge which applies to 500 of 1000 cubic centimeters above the minimum volume plus the volume rate charge of \$1.00 per thousand gallons plus a volume charge of \$1.50 for monthly accounts and \$3.00 for bi-monthly accounts.

STATISTISKA CENTRALBYRÅN
Statistiska Centralbyrån, Stockholm
Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 1997

NOTE 2 - INCOME TAX

The Parish levies an ad valorem tax on property as of December 31 of each year to finance the budget for the following year. The tax is due and becomes an enforceable lien on the property on the first day of the month following the filing of the tax rolls by the assessor with the Landsting tax authority usually December 15. The tax is delinquent 30 days after the due date. Taxes are levied based on property values determined by the Jefferson Parish Assessor's office. All land and residential improvements are assessed as 50 percent of fair market value, and other property as 70 percent of fair market value. Taxes are billed and collected by the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Department which receives a certain millage for its services. The taxes collected by the Sheriff's Department to the Parish are net of assessor's commissions and parcel card contributions. Ad valorem taxes are recorded as revenue of the period for which levied, thus the 1996 property tax which was levied to finance the budget for 1997 was recorded as revenue for the year 1997. The 1997 property tax which was levied to finance the budget for 1998 is recorded as deferred revenue at December 31, 1997.

For the year ended December 31, ad valorem taxes were levied on behalf of the District as follows:

<u>PURPOSE</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
Administration and Special Funds		<u>250</u>
Consolidated Sewerage District No. 7	4.06	3.8

NOTE 3 - INTEREST COST

No interest cost was capitalized during the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996.

NOTE 4 - OPERATING TRANSFERS

The District had the following operating transfers:

	<u>1997</u>	<u>1996</u>
<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>	<u>OPERATING</u>
<u>TRANSFERS TO OR FROM</u>	<u>TRANSFERS TO</u>	<u>TRANSFERS TO</u>
<u>GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>	<u>GENERAL CAPITAL PROJECTS</u>
General Capital Projects	\$0,000,000	\$0,000,000
Electronic Information Services	<u>111,000</u>	<u>162,000</u>
	<u>\$0,111,000</u>	<u>\$0,162,000</u>

UNINCORPORATED MEMBERS DISTRICT NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1997

NOTE 4 - RISK MANAGEMENT

GENERAL LIABILITY

The Parish is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts, thefts of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. To manage fire and flood risk, the Parish has established a General Liability Fund (an internal service fund). Under this program, the General Liability Fund provides coverage for up to a maximum of \$500,000 for each worker's compensation claim, \$500,000 for each general liability claim, and \$500,000 for each automobile claim. The parish also purchases commercial insurance for claims in excess of coverage provided by the fund.

The financial ratios presented in the fund based on management's estimates of the amounts needed to pay prior and current year claims. These financial statements are reported as qualified transactions. The District's premiums were \$442,793 and \$1,213,066 for 1997 and 1996, respectively.

At December 31, 1997 and 1996, the total outstanding claims liability of the General Liability Fund was \$11,070,847 and \$12,428,365, respectively. The claims liability includes an estimated liability for incurred but not reported claims of \$6,500,000 and \$4,770,000 for 1997 and 1996, respectively. The estimated claims liability is determined by the third-party administrator based on historical information and actuarial systems. These liabilities are based on the requirements of state insurance law, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Risk Financing and Related Insurance Issues, which requires that a liability for claims be reported if information prior to the issuance of the financial statements indicates that it is probable and the amount of the loss can be reasonably estimated. Claims liability is not available by individual fund.

HEALTH INSURANCE

The Parish provides health and accident insurance to its employees exclusively through health maintenance organizations (HMOs) and plans of service organizations (POS). Under these types of programs, the District pays initial premiums based on the level of the employee's participation and has no further liabilities on any claims.

The total amount of contributions by the District for health insurance was \$102,000 and \$107,000 for 1997 and 1996, respectively.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION

The Parish is self-insured for unemployment claims filed with the state. To manage fire and flood risk, the Parish has established a Self-Insurance Fund (an internal service fund) whereby each fund contributes 10 percent of its annual general fund to the Fund. In 1996, the contribution was temporarily suspended and all such funds an additional funding is needed to cover outstanding claims. The internal fund's are reported as qualified transactions.

NOTE 5 - COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

MANAGEMENT CONTRACT

During 1997, the former EastBank Districtal Director entered into a professional service agreement with EastBank Corporation Inc. to provide operation and maintenance services for the East Bank Watermeter Treatment Plant. The agreement is for a period of five years and all of the District's attention may be removed for five consecutive two-year terms. The contract was renewed in 1996 for a two-year term. Payments include all contractual costs of the include professional services and personnel, and also administration and maintenance expenses consistent with the proper operation, maintenance and management of a watermeter treatment facility in accordance with the operating budget submitted to the District's management annually.

Additional payments required under this agreement include 1) management fee of \$100,000 annually 2) cost incentive fee equal to 10 percent of any savings in total operation and maintenance costs paid annually up to \$700,000 3) performance incentive fee based on mechanical computer as provided in the agreement up to \$100,000.

Payments under this agreement totaled \$1,500,000 and \$1,687,500 for 1997 and 1996, respectively.

STATE OF NEW YORK
OFFICE OF THE COMPTROLLER
REPORT ON FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)
December 31, 1997

NOTE 8 - CONTINGENT AND DEFERRED LIABILITIES (Continued)

LITIGATION

The District is a defendant in a number of claims and lawsuits resulting principally from personal injury, wrongful death, and construction claims. The District's lawyers and the outside relationship of the District's Risk Management Fund have reviewed these claims and lawsuits in order to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome in the District and to arrive at an estimate, if any, of the amount or range of potential loss to the District. As a result of such review, the various claims and lawsuits have been categorized into "settled", "reasonably possible" and "remote" contingencies, as defined by National Council on Governmental Accounting Statement No. 4 for states and judgments, loss contingencies recorded as B-0- categories as "settled" have been accrued as other liabilities of the District as December 31, 1997. The District's "reasonably possible" loss contingencies as December 31, 1997, for which an amount of liability can be estimated, approximate \$ 40.

NOTE 9 - PENSION PLANS

The District's employees participate in the retirement systems described below. Total pension expense reported by the District for contributions to the retirement systems for the year ended December 31, 1997 and 1996 were \$44,107 and \$48,171, respectively.

Actuarial data and other information of the two plans, as it relates to the District, is available for the separate component units of the District.

PLAN MEMBERSHIP

Substantially all of the District's full-time employees, except the Firemen, are participants in the Employees' Retirement System of Jefferson Parish (Old Parish Plan), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan, and the Municipal Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (Old State Plan), a cost-sharing multiple employer defined benefit plan.

The Parish Plan covers employees who were employed by it on December 31, 1975. As of that date, the Parish Plan was merged with the State Plan and members of the Parish Plan are former members of the State Plan. Employees hired subsequent to the merger of the two systems may participate only in the State Plan.

2000 ANNUAL REPORT PROJECT NO. 1
JEFFERSON PARISH, LOUISIANA
STATE OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
December 31, 2000

NOTE G - PENSION PLAN (Continued)

THE EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF JEFFERSON PARISH (The Parish Plan)

The Employee Retirement System of Jefferson Parish (and of Trustees (The Board) administers the Employees' Retirement System of Jefferson Parish (the Parish Plan), a single-employer defined benefit pension plan created by Jefferson Parish Ordinance T1997. The Parish Plan covers employees who were hired prior to December 31, 1979. As of that date, the Parish Plan became a closed plan and was merged with the Parished employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (The State Plan) already members of the Parish Plan also become members of the State Plan.

The Board issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the Parish Plan. The financial report for year ended December 31, 2000 may be obtained by writing to: The Employee Retirement System of Jefferson Parish, 1001 Metairie Road, Metairie, LA 70002 or by calling 504-885-4500.

Employees who are members of the Parish Plan receive benefits equal to one percent of the highest three-year average annual compensation plus two percent of the first \$1,000 of average compensation for each year of service. The benefits for employees who are members of the Parish Plan only, with less than 20 years of service, are reduced by three percent per year for each year participants receive benefits below the age of 65. Parish Plan participants receive benefits equal to three percent of the highest three-year average annual compensation for each year of service reduced by one percent per year for the State Plan. The total combined payments of both plans may not exceed 100 percent of the member's final average compensation. Agreement benefits are payable monthly for the life of the retiree. Under certain conditions, upon the retiree's death, benefits are payable to the retiree's surviving spouse and other children.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Accounting - The financial statements of the Parish Plan are prepared using the accrual basis of accounting whereby revenues are recognized when they are earned and expenses are recognized when incurred. Contributions from Jefferson Parish and parish employees are recognized as revenue in the period in which employees provide services to Jefferson Parish. Contributions made to the Parish Plan by Jefferson Parish, the employee, are recognized when due and the employer has made a formal commitment to provide the contributions. Pension benefits and refunds of employee contributions are recognized when due and payable in accordance with the terms of the Parish Plan. Investment income is recognized as earned by the Parish Plan.

Method Used to Value Investments - All investments of the Parish Plan are reported at fair value.

Securities traded in a national market are valued at the last reported sales price at current reporting dates.

Conservation of Cash Risk - The Parish Plan had 40.0% of plan net assets invested in the mutual fund, other than this mutual fund, no investment in any one corporation, other than the U. S. Government, represented 5% or more of plan net assets.

Annual Payout

The Parish's total payroll for all employees for the year ended December 31, 1997 amounted to \$60,475,076.

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1997

NOTE 6 - PENSION PLANS (CONTINUED)

Membership

Current membership in the Parish Plan is comprised of the following as of December 31, 1997:

Active and beneficiary surpluss receiving benefits and terminated employees entitled to benefits but not yet receiving them	\$47
Active plan participants-vested	<u>1,007</u>
	1,054

PENSION STATUS AND PROGRESS

The amount shown below as the "pension benefit obligation" is a standardized disclosure measure of the present value of pension benefits, adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases, estimated to be payable in the future as a result of employee service to date. The measure is the actuarial present value of estimated projected benefits and is intended to give help users assess the Parish Plan's funding status on a going concern basis. This basis approach made it easier to ascertain sufficient assets to pay benefits when due and (1) allow for comparisons among public employee retirement plans.

Because the standardized measurement is used only for disclosure purposes, the measurement is independent of the methods used to determine contributions to the Plan. The pension benefit obligations for the Parish Plan were determined as part of actuarial valuations made as of December 31, 1997. Significant actuarial assumptions used to determine the standardized measure of the pension benefit obligations are summarized as follows:

	<u>Paid in</u>
	PLAN
Rate of return on the investment of present and future assets	8.00%
Projected salary increases due to inflation	5.00%
Morbidity mortality	2.75%
Post-retirement benefits increases	6%

The standardized measure of the pension benefit obligation for the Parish Plan is comprised of the following as of December 31, 1997:

	<u>Paid in</u>
	PLAN
Pension benefit obligation: Active and beneficiary surviving receiving benefits and terminated employees not yet receiving benefits	\$8,094,392
Current employees: Annual actual employee contributions	1,438,657
Employer-financed vested	1,171,810
Employer-financed nonvested	<u>1,158,300</u>
Total pension benefit obligation	\$11,863,159

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 1997

NOTE 4 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Net assets available for benefits, at cost of amortized cost (market value = \$29,134,876)	<u>10,000,000</u>
Unfunded pension benefits obligation	<u>11,401,000</u>

CONTRIBUTIONS REQUIRED AND MADE

Contributions required and made for the Parish Plan is comprised of the following as of December 31, 1997:

	PARISH PLAN
Contributions required:	
Normal cost	\$ 286,756
Amortization of unfunded actuarial assumed liability	102,170
	<u>\$ 388,926</u>
Contributions made:	
Employee	\$1,382,300
Employer	135,821
	<u>\$ 1,518,121</u>
Contributions made as a percentage of annual covered payroll:	
Employee	3.17%
Employer	.94

TOTAL CONTRIBUTION

Detailed trend information for the single-employer plan is as follows:

	PARISH PLAN
Net assets available for benefits as a percentage of the pension benefits obligation:	86.88%
1997	78.46
1996	76.46
1995	75.56
Unfunded amounts in excess of pension benefits obligation as a percentage of annual covered payroll:	
1997	62.32
1996	61.20
1995	60.20

UNION-UNITED BROADCAST DISTRICT NO. 1
 407 South Station, Los Angeles
 Notes to Financial Statements
 December 31, 1987

NOTE C - PENSION PLANS (Continued)

Employer contributions to the pension plan as a percentage of annual covered payroll:

1987	3.7%
1986	4.7%
1985	3.8%

FINANCIAL SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Funding Progress

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets	Actuarial Required Liability FAAI Entry Age	Unfunded AAI FAAI	Funded Ratio Percentage	General Payroll	1986 as a % of Covered Payroll
1985	\$77,185,000	\$71,557,588	\$5,627,412	88.2%	\$82,317,139	86.5%
1986	78,428,917	82,488,133	4,059,216	94.8%	77,676,026	86.1%
1987	82,943,336	82,346,133	597,203	99.2%	87,175,177	89.9%

Trend Information

Trend information given as indication of the progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay pension benefits when due. Five-year trend data in accordance with GASB Statement No. 25 may be found in the Supplementary Information section of the Employer's Actuarial Report of Valuation Period December 31, 1987 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report. Ten-year actuarial trend information in accordance with GASB Statement No. 8 is presented in the supplemental information section of this report.

PERIODIC EMPLOYER'S RETIREMENT SYSTEM OR CONTRIBUTION (The State Plan)

Plan Description

The Municipal Employees' Retirement System Board of Trustees administers the Municipal Employees' Retirement System (the State Plan), a contributory multiple-employer defined benefit plan established by the Legislative Assembly as of January 1, 1960, as Act 220 of 1959. The State Plan was revised by Act No. 750 of 1975, effective January 1, 1983, to create the Plan A and Plan B funds to replace the "regular plan" and the "supplemental plan". Plan B fund replaced the "regular plan". The State Plan is operating pursuant to LRA No. 17 (1987 through 1992). The State Plan covers employees who were hired subsequent to December 31, 1975.

Under the State Plan, a member is eligible for normal retirement if the participant has at least 28 years of creditable service regardless of age, or 25 years of creditable service and is at least 55 years old, or 10 years of creditable service and is at least 60 years old. The normal retirement benefit is equal to three percent of the member's average monthly compensation for any 36 months of consecutive service in which compensation was highest, including the year of creditable service, not to exceed 50 percent of the member's final compensation. Retirement benefits are payable monthly for the life of the retiree. Under certain conditions, upon the retiree's death, benefits are payable to the retiree's surviving spouse and minor children.

GENERAL ACCOUNT STATEMENT No. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Letter to Financial Statements
December 31, 1997

NOTE 2 - PENSION PLANS (Continued)

General Payout

The parish's total payroll for all employees for the year ended December 31, 1997 amounted to \$55,075,157. Total general payroll was \$36,796,629.

Membership

Membership data for the State Plan is not available by individual employee.

Funding Status and Progress

The State Plan does not conduct separate measurements of assets and pension benefit obligations for individual employees. As December 31, 1996, the total pension benefit obligation was \$657,281,676, net assets available for benefits were \$254,131,888 and unfunded pension benefit obligations were \$403,149,788. These amounts were determined as part of actuarial valuations made as of December 31, 1996.

The total pension benefit obligation is based on the actuarial value of credited projected benefits. This pension valuation method reflects the present value of estimated pension benefits that will be paid in future years as a result of employee services performed to date and is adjusted for the effects of projected salary increases and early retirement benefits - a actuarial measure of the pension benefit obligation was reported as status readers to the state the funding status on a going-concern basis, (a) assess progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay benefits when due, and (b) make comparisons among other plans.

Because the standardized measurement is used only for disclosure purposes, the measurement is independent of the method used to determine contributions to the Plan. No changes in actuarial assumptions or benefit provisions that would significantly affect the valuation of the pension benefit obligations occurred during 1997.

The contributions of the State Plan are established by State Statutes.

Contributions made for the year ended December 31, 1997 are as follows:

Employee		
Contribution percentage		7.75%
General payroll percentage		7.75%
Amount		\$ 3,487,411
Employer		
Contribution percentage		9.50%
General payroll percentage		9.50%
Amount		\$ 3,472,441
		<u>\$ 6,959,852</u>

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENT NO. 1
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana
Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)
December 31, 1997

NOTE 8 - DEFERRED PLANS (Continued)

NOTE 8(a) - DEFERRED PLAN

Historical trend information is presented in order for a reader to assess the progress made in accumulating sufficient assets to pay pension benefits as they become due. The year historical trend information for the Basic Plan is consistent with Note Statement No. 2 in available in a separately issued Periodical Employees' Retirement System December 31, 1996 Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

NOTE 8 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The Parish offers its employees a deferred compensation plan in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 407. The plan, which is 50004068 for an agency fund in the Parish's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report, is available to all Parish employees and permits them to defer a portion of their salary until future years. The deferred compensation is not available to employees until termination, retirement, death, or unforeseeable emergency.

All assets of companies deferred under the plan, all property and rights purchased with those assets, and all income 407 Section 407 50004068, property, or rights are held in trust and made available to the employees of other participating entities the company and rights of the Parish (all trust being controlled by the provisions of Section 407 under the plan), subject only to the terms of the Parish's general conditions. Participants' rights under the plan are equal to those of general employees of the Parish of an equal total to the fair market value of the deferred account for each participant.

The Parish's legal counsel believes that the Parish has no liability for losses under the plan, but does bear the duty of due care that would be required of an ordinary prudent investor. The Parish believes that in its ordinary course it will use the assets to satisfy the claims of general employees in the future.

Investments are managed by PRIMA. The status of the investment portfolio is held by the participant.

NOTE 8 - DEFERRED PLANS (Continued)

Health Care and Life Insurance

In addition to providing pension benefits, the Parish provides certain health care and life insurance benefits for retired employees as authorized by Resolution No. 18791. Unfortunately all employees who reach normal retirement age while working for the Parish are eligible. The cost of these benefits are recorded as normal costs when the premiums are paid. The health care and life insurance premiums for retired employees of the Parish amounted to \$85,728 and \$81,527 for 1997 and 1996, respectively.

Cost of Living Plan

In addition to the health care and life insurance benefits noted above, the Parish also provides a supplement to normal pension as authorized by Resolution No. 18791. This benefit is available to retired participants living in either the Employees' Retirement System of Jefferson Parish or the Periodical Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana who have been retired for at least one year. This additional benefit is paid once a year and is calculated as 2% of the monthly benefit times the number of months the person has been retired including partial years. The minimum additional payment is \$500 and the maximum payment is \$1,500. Any additional payment due to the retiree per these resolutions are further reduced by any cost of living adjustment benefit is paid by the Periodical Employees' Retirement System of Louisiana (not available to all plan participants).

NOTE 8 - DEFERRED COMPENSATION

The District has no deferred compensation, as its governing authority is the Jefferson Parish Council whose compensation is disclosed in the Parish's Comprehensive Annual Financial Report.

**SPECIAL REPORTS OF CERTAIN
PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS**



**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER
FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL
STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT
AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Honorable Parish President and
The Honorable Jefferson Parish Council
Jefferson Parish, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Consolidated Sewerage District No. 1 of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana (the District), as of and for the years ended December 31, 1997 and 1996, and have issued our report thereon dated May 29, 1998. We conducted our audits in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and 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 the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of the District's compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with these provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our 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 our audits, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting 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 over financial reporting. Our 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. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of management, the Jefferson Parish Council, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (the cognizant agency), and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. This restriction is not intended to limit the distribution of this report, which is a matter of public record.



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