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**EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana**

**General Purpose Financial Statements
With Accountant's Compilation Report
As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 1998
With Supplemental Information Schedules**

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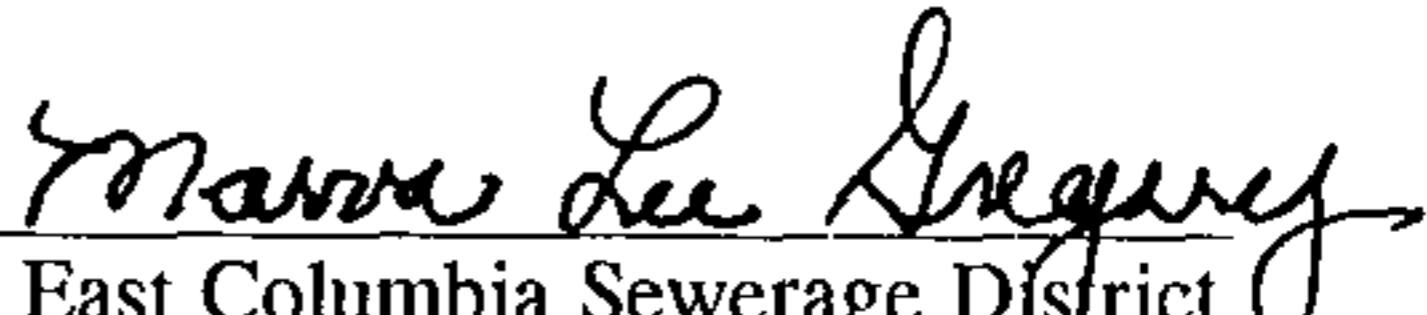
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EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana
ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND CERTIFICATION OF REVENUES \$50,000 OR LESS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

A F F I D A V I T

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, MARVA Lee Gregory who, duly sworn, deposes and says, that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of the East Columbia Sewerage District as of December 31, 1998, and the results of operations for the year then ended, in accordance with basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements.

In addition, MARVA Lee Gregory, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the East Columbia Sewerage District received \$50,000 or less in revenues and other sources for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1998, and, accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned fiscal year-end.


East Columbia Sewerage District

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 6th day of April, 1999.

RANDY BRADDOCK
Notary Public
Caldwell Parish, Louisiana
Commissioned For Life


NOTARY PUBLIC

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Accountant's Compilation Report

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana

I have compiled the general purpose financial statements and supplemental information schedules, as listed in the foregoing table of contents, of the East Columbia Sewerage District, a component unit of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, as of December 31, 1998, and for the year then ended, in accordance with standards established by *Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services* issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements and schedules information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and schedule and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.



Calhoun, Louisiana
March 8, 1999

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - ENTERPRISE FUND

Balance Sheet, December 31, 1998

ASSETS

Cash	\$13,122
Accounts receivable	950
Property, plant, and equipment (net of accumulated depreciation) - collection and treatment facilities	<u>379,319</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>\$393,391</u></u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

Liabilities:

Accounts and withholdings payable	\$777
Customer deposits	<u>4,202</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>4,979</u>

Fund Equity:

Contributed capital (net of accumulated depreciation on fixed assets contributed by police jury)	379,319
Retained earnings - unreserved	<u>9,093</u>
Total Fund Equity	<u>388,412</u>

TOTAL LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	<u><u>\$393,391</u></u>
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See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - ENTERPRISE FUND

Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and
Changes in Retained Earnings
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

OPERATING REVENUES

Service fees

\$14,161**OPERATING EXPENSES**

Salaries and related benefits

5,493

Commissioners per diem

2,450

Utilities

2,237

Office expense

740

Depreciation

12,858

Labor

3,119

Materials and supplies

4,342

Travel

600

Total operating expenses

31,839**NET INCOME (Loss)**

(17,678)

Add depreciation on fixed assets

contributed by police jury

12,858**DECREASE IN RETAINED EARNINGS**

(4,820)

RETAINED EARNINGS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR13,913**RETAINED EARNINGS AT END OF YEAR**\$9,093

See accompanying notes and accountant's compilation report.

EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana
PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE - ENTERPRISE FUND

Statement of Cash Flows
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES

Net Income (Loss)	<u>(\$17,678)</u>
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net Cash	
Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	12,858
Decrease in accounts receivable	100
Increase in accounts payable	115
Increase in customer deposits	490
Total adjustments	<u>13,563</u>
Net cash used by operating activities	<u>(4,115)</u>
 CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	 <u>17,237</u>
 CASH AT END OF YEAR	 <u><u>\$13,122</u></u>

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EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended
December 31, 1998

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The East Columbia Sewerage District was created by the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, as authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3881. The district is governed by a five member board appointed by the police jury. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3887, East Columbia Sewerage District commissioners receive \$50 per meeting attended. The district is responsible for maintaining and operating a sewerage collection and disposal system within the boundaries of the district. The district has two part-time employees.

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying general purpose financial statements of the East Columbia Sewerage District 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 established governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Caldwell Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Caldwell Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 establishes criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criteria 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:

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EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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.

Because the police jury appoints the board of commissioners, the East Columbia Sewerage District was determined to be a component unit of the Caldwell Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the East Columbia Sewerage 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.

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The East Columbia Sewerage 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 a 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

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EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana
Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

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 liabilities associated with the operation of this fund are included on the balance sheet. The Enterprise Fund uses the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred. Service fees are recognized in the period they are in the hands of the district's collection agency, the East Columbia Water District. Salaries and other expenses are recognized when incurred.

E. CASH

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits. Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, or time deposits with banks organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the laws of any other state in the union, or the laws of the United States.

F. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets of the district are included on the balance sheet of the fund and are recorded at actual cost. Fixed assets reported on the balance sheet are net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of 40 years for the collection and treatment facilities.

G. VACATION AND SICK LEAVE

The district has no regular employees requiring the adoption of vacation and sick leave policies.

H. CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL

Grants, entitlements, or shared revenues that are restricted for the acquisition or construction of capital assets are recorded as contributed capital. Contributed capital is reduced each year by the amount of annual depreciation recognized on that portion of the assets acquired from such contributions.

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EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
 Columbia, Louisiana
 Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

2. CASH

At December 31, 1998, the district has cash (book balance) totaling \$13,122. These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits, or the resulting bank balances, must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. Cash (bank balance) at December 31, 1998, is fully secured by federal deposit insurance.

3. FIXED ASSETS

A summary of fixed assets at December 31, 1998, follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net</u>
Collection and treatment facilities	<u>\$514,331</u>	<u>(\$135,012)</u>	<u>\$379,319</u>

4. CONTRIBUTED CAPITAL

On July 12, 1988, the East Columbia Sewerage District took over operation of the sewerage system for the district from the Caldwell Parish Police Jury. The police jury transferred all assets of the system in the amount of \$514,331 to the district on this date. The cost of the transferred assets, shown as contributed capital on the balance sheet, is reduced each year by the amount of depreciation expense recognized on the transferred assets. At December 31, 1998, accumulated depreciation on these assets is \$135,012.

5. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

The district is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 1998, nor is it aware of any unasserted claims.

6. YEAR 2000 ISSUE

The Year 2000 Issue is the result of shortcomings in many electronic data-processing systems and other equipment that may adversely affect the district's operations in the year 1999 and beyond. The district does not rely on computer systems in its day to day operations. However, there is no assurance

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

that the systems of other governmental agencies or companies on which the district relies will be timely converted or that any such failure to convert by a governmental agency or other company would not have an adverse effect on the district's operations.

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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES

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EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
Columbia, Louisiana
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULES
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

COMPENSATION PAID COMMISSIONERS

The schedule of compensation paid to commissioners is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3887, East Columbia Sewerage District commissioners receive \$50 per meeting attended.

PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS

The follow-up and corrective action taken on all prior year findings is presented in the summary schedule of prior year findings (Schedule 2).

CURRENT YEAR FINDINGS

The corrective action plan for current year findings is presented in Schedule 3.

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EAST COLUMBIA SEWERAGE DISTRICT
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Schedule of Compensation Paid Commissioners
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Shelby Cruse	\$200
Nan Guerrero	550
Wayne Hendrixson	450
Clayton Stapleton	600
John Wilkes	50
Mary Yell	<u>600</u>
Total	<u>\$2,450</u>

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Summary Schedule of Prior Year Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Finding Initially Occurred</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Taken</u>
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There were no prior year findings.

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Corrective Action Plan
For Current Year Findings
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Description of Finding</u>	<u>Corrective Action Planned</u>	<u>Name of Contact Person</u>	<u>Anticipated Completion Date</u>
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There were no findings for the year ended December 31, 1998.

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