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FINANCIAL SECTION

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Town Council Town of Washington, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements and the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements of the Town of Washington, Louisiana as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Town of Washington's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Washington, Louisiana, as of June 30, 1998, and the results of its operations and cash flows of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in our opinion, the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of each of the individual funds and account groups of the Town of Washington, Louisiana, at June 30, 1998, and the results of operations of such funds and the cash flows of individual proprietary funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, we have also issued our report dated November 9, 1998, on our consideration of the Town of Washington's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole and on the combining, individual fund and account group financial statements. The accompanying financial

information listed as supporting schedules in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements of the Town of Washington, Louisiana. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose, combining and individual fund and account group financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements of each of the respective individual funds and account group, taken as a whole.

RICHARD C. URBAN, C.P.A.

Opelousas, Louisiana November 9, 1998 GENERAL PURPOSE
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS June 30, 1998

With Comparative Totals for June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types						
	General	Special Revenue	Debt Service				
ASSETS							
Cash	\$ 9,947	\$ 41,493	\$				
Investments, at cost		47,001					
Receivables (net of allow- ance for uncollectables):							
Interest		176					
Taxes	2,764						
Accounts							
Special assessments			9,115				
Due from other funds							
Unbilled service revenue							
Inventory							
Prepaid expenses							
Restricted assets:							
Cash							
Investments, at cost							
Fixed assets (net of							
accumulated depreciation)							
Total Assets	12,711	88,670	9,115				
	======	======	======				

Pro	oprietary Fund		Account	Groun	os					
		Ger	neral		neral	TOTALS				
			ixed		g-term	(Memorandum			mlvl	
Fnf	terprise		ssets		Debt		1998	cacaii c	1997	
1111	crprise		30000		DCDC.	•	100			
\$	66,212	\$		\$		\$	117,652	\$	58,502	
	123,823						170,824		339,535	
	619						795		5,599	
							2,764		1,873	
	31,522						31,522		32,959	
							9,115		9,115	
	384						384		29,051	
	17,458						17,458		17,458	
	5,355						5,355		5,355	
	8,800						8,800		3,479	
	25,538						25,538		25,024	
	41,830						41,830		302,207	
_1	,988,684	1,5	78,661	_		3	,567,345	_3	,619,176	
2	2,310,225	1,5	78,661			3	,999,382	4	,449,323	
==	======	====	:=====	===	=====	===	========	==	=======	

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA COMBINING BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS June 30, 1998 With Comparative Totals for June 30, 1997

	Governmental Fund Types							
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY	Gen	eral	_	ecial venue		ebt vice		
Liabilities: Accounts payable Accrued expenses Due to other funds Current liabilities payabl from restricted assets: Utility refunding bonds		2,838 2,516 	\$	 111 	\$	 384		
payable Accrued interest payable Customers' deposits Utility refunding bonds payable								
Total liabilities		5,354		111		384		
Fund equity: Investments in general fixed assets Contributed capital Retained earnings:								
Reserved Unreserved Fund balances:						~ ~~		
Reserved for operation and maintenance Unreserved-undesignated		7,357	8	153 38,406	•	8,731		
Total fund equity		7 <u>,357</u>	8	88,559		8 , 731		
Total liabilities and fund equity	1 ===	2,711 =====	3 ===	88,670	===	9 , 115		

Proprietary Fund Enterprise	Account General Fixed Assets	Groups General Long-term Debt	eneral TOTALS ng-term (Memorandum Only)		eneral TOTALS ng-term (Memorandum Only)	
\$ 3,642 2,254	\$ 	\$	\$ 6,480 4,881 384	\$ 7,821 4,460 29,051		
 44,711		_ — — _ — —	 44,711	24,603 9,610 44,072		
				326,701		
50 , 607			<u>56,456</u>	446,318		
3,245,867	1,578,661		1,578,661 3,245,867	1,504,960 3,245,867		
(986,249)			(986,249)	262,066 (1,250,979)		
			153 104,494	218,345 22,746		
2,259,618	1,578,661		3,942,926	4,003,005		
2,310,225	1,578,661		3,999,382	4,449,323		

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES - ALL GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPES

Year Ended June 30, 1998
With Comparative Totals for the Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Go	vernmental	Fund Types	TOT	ALS
	 	Special	Debt	(Memorand	um Only)
	General	Revenue	Service	1998	1997
D			•		
Revenues:	# 22 206	¢ 64 272	¢	\$ 86,579	\$ 81,698
Taxes	\$ 22,306 32,150	\$ 64,273	4	32,150	29,847
Licenses and permits Intergovernmental	34,144			34,150	9,387
Charges for services	1,463	13,020		14,483	15,120
Fines	17,060	15,020		17,060	15,974
Miscellaneous	34,469			34,469	38,296
Interest		11,734		11,734	12,002
Total revenues	141,592	89,027		230,619	198,636
					
Expenditures:					
Current:					
General government	128,536	18,279		146,815	166,207
Public safety - police	117,087			117,087	111,978
Street department	<u>116,568</u>			<u>116,568</u>	<u>91,765</u>
maka 1	262 101	10 270		200 470	360 050
Total expenditures	<u>362,191</u>	18,279		<u>380,470</u>	<u>369,950</u>
Excess (deficiency) of					
revenues over (under)					
expenditures	(220,599)	70,748		(149,851)	(167,626)
Chparateures	(220/333)			(1127031)	(1077020)
Other financing sources (us	es):				
Operating transfers in	215,430	10,000		225,430	241,798
Operating transfers out		(212,024)		(212,024)	(67,425)
Total other financing					
sources (uses)	215,430	(202,024)		13,406	<u>174,373</u>
Excess (deficiency) of					
revenues and other source	es e				
over expenditures and		(404 006)		(400 445)	6 545
other uses	(5,169)	(131,276)		(136,445)	6 ,74 7
Fund balance, beginning	12,526	219,835	8,731	241,092	234,345
i am miance, migriffing	12,520	2171000		241,002	234,343
Fund balance, ending	7,357	88,559	8,731	104,647	241,092
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET AND ACTUAL - GENERAL, SPECIAL REVENUE, AND DEBT SERVICE FUNDS For the Year Ended June 30, 1998

		G	eneral Fu	nd _	
	 Budget		Actual	Fav	iance - orable avorable)
Revenues: Taxes Licenses and permits Intergovernmental Charges for services	\$ 21,700 24,800 35,200 2,600	\$	22,306 32,150 34,144 1,463 17,060	\$ (606 7,350 1,056) 1,137) 560
Fines Miscellaneous Interest Total revenues	16,500 37,900 ———————————————————————————————————	-	34,469 141,592	(3,431) 2,892
Expenditures: General government Public safety Street department Capital Outlay Total expenditures	131,612 117,920 113,620 363,152		128,536 117,087 116,568 362,191	. (3,076 833 2,948) 961
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(_224,452)	(_	220,599)		3 , 853
Other financing sources (uses): Operating transfers in Operating transfers out Total other financing sources (uses)	222,000	-	215,430 215,430	(_	6,570) 6,570)
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expen- ditures and other uses	(2,452)	(5,169)	(2,717)
Fund balance, beginning		_	12,526	-	12,526
Fund balance, ending	(2,452)	=	7,357	=	9,809 ======

	\$	Spec	ial Reven	ue Fu							
F	Budget	Actual		Fav	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable)		Budget		Actual		riance - vorable avorable
\$	57,000	\$	64,273	\$	7,273	\$		\$		\$	
											
	9,100		13,020		3,920						
											
	10,400	-	11,734	_	1,334						
_	76,500	-	89,027	-	12,527						
	19,710		18,279		1,431						
_	19,710	-	18,279	_	1,431		———				
_	56,790	-	70,748		13,958						
	10,000		10,000								
<u>(</u>	231,301)	_	(212,024)	_	19,277						
<u>(</u>	221,301)	_	(202,024)		19,277						— — —
1	164,511)	ı	(131,276)		33,235						
'	104,511,	,	(131,270)		33,233						
		-	219,835	_	219,835				8,731	<u>. </u>	8,731
_	164,511)	=	88,559	<u>.</u>	253,070	<u></u> -		<u></u> <u></u>	8,731		8,731

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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE Years Ended June 30, 1998 and 1997

	Enter	prise
	1998	1997
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services:		
Gas sales	\$ 376,607.13	\$ 335,952.40
Water sales	88,134.66	83,316.73
Sewer charges	38,843.65	37,707.90
Connection charges	1,135.00	1,740.00
Tapping charges	1,684.65	4,031.22
Miscellaneous revenues	7,254.68	2,734.75
Total operating revenue	513,659.77	465,483.00
Operating expenses:		
Gas department	271,259.35	293,052.49
Water department	82,168.19	73,949.26
Sewer department	117,624.79	<u>119,701.98</u>
Total operating expenses	471,052.33	486,703.73
Operating income (loss)	42,607.44	(21,220.73)
Non-operating revenues (expenses):		
Loss on sale of equipment		(1,458.26)
Interest income	11,069.47	14,836.14
Interest expense	(<u>37,607.94</u>)	$(\underline{40,427.66})$
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	$(\underline{26,538.47})$	$(\underline{27,049.78})$
Income (loss) before operating transfers	16,068.97	(48,270.51)
Transfers to General Fund	182,570.00	175,173.00
Transfers to Cemetery Fund	10,000.00	5,800.00
Transfers from Sales Tax Fund	(<u>179,163.93</u>)	$(\underline{6,600.00})$
Net operating transfers	13,406.07	174,373.00
Net income (loss)	2,662.90	(222,643.51)
Retained earnings (deficit), beginning	(<u>988,912.36</u>)	(_766,268.85)
Retained earnings (deficit), ending	(986,249.46)	(988,912.36)
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA COMBINED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE Year Ended June 30, 1998

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$	2,662.90
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash	,	
provided by operations:		
Depreciation	•	145,416.57
Decrease (increase) in:		•
Accounts receivable		1,427.20
Unbilled service revenue		
Accrued interest receivable		720.34
Inventory		
Due from other funds		28,667.47
Prepaid expenses	(5,321.18)
Increase (decrease) in:	•	,
Accounts payable		
Accrued expenses		82.08
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	1	73,655.38
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Increase in investments, at cost	(18,497.53)
Purchases of plant and equipment		19,884.00)
Decrease in restricted assets		259,862.86
Decrease in current liabilities payable from		•
restricted assets	(_	33,574.30)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		87,907.03
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Contributed capital		
Principal reduction of long-term liabilities	(_3	26,701.00)
NET CASH (USED BY) FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(_3	26,701.00
		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
NET INCREASE IN CASH		34,861.41
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		31,350.29
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CASH AT END OF YEAR		66,211.70
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS June 30, 1998

NOTE 1 - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Town of Washington, Louisiana was incorporated under the provisions of the Lawrason Act. The Town operates under a Mayor-Board of Aldermen form of government.

The accounting and reporting policies of the Town of Washington conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies.

Reporting Entity

This report includes all funds and the general long-term debt account group which are controlled by or dependent on the Mayor and Board of Aldermen. Control by or dependence on the Town was determined on the basis of budget adoption, taxing authority, authority to issue debt, election or appointment of governing body, and other general oversight responsibility.

Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Town of Washington are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of each fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures, or expenses, as appropriate. Government resources are allocated to and accounted for in individual funds based upon the purposes for which they are to be spent and the means by which spending activities are controlled. The various funds are grouped, in the financial statements in this report, into two categories: governmental and proprietary. Each category, in turn, is divided into separate "fund types".

Governmental funds are used to account for all or most of a government's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of earmarked monies (special revenue funds), the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets (capital projects funds), and the servicing of general long-term debt (debt service funds). The general fund is used to account for all activities of the general government not accounted for in some other fund.

Proprietary funds are used to account for activities similar to those found in the private sector, where the determination of net income is necessary or useful to sound financial administration. Goods or services from such activities are provided to outside parties (enterprise funds).

Basis of Accounting

Basis of Accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures or expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

All governmental funds are accounted for using the modified accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they become measurable and available as net current assets. Taxpayer-assessed income, gross receipts, and sales taxes are considered "measurable" when in the hands of collecting governments and are recognized as revenue at that time. Fines and permits are not susceptible to accrual because generally they are not measurable until received. Therefore, they are not recognized as revenue until received in cash.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred. Exceptions to this general rule include principle and interest on general long-term debt which is recognized when due.

The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by proprietary fund types. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The Town follows these procedures in establishing the budgetary data reflected in these financial statements:

- 1. The Mayor prepares a proposed budget and submits same to the Board of Aldermen no later than thirty days prior to the beginning of each fiscal year.
- 2. A summary of the proposed budget is published and the public notified that the proposed budget is available for public inspection.
- 3. A public hearing is held on the proposed budget at least ten days after publication of the call for the hearing.
- 4. After the holding of the public hearing and completion of all action necessary to finalize and implement the budget, the budget is adopted through passage of an ordinance prior to the commencement of the fiscal year for which the budget is being adopted.
- 5. Any budgetary amendments require the approval of the Mayor and Board of Aldermen.
- 6. Any budgetary appropriations lapse at the end of each fiscal year.
- Budgets for the General, Special Revenue and Debt Service Funds are adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP).

Investments

Investments consist of certificates of deposit and are stated at cost.

Short-term Interfund Receivables/Payables

During the course of operations, numerous transactions occur between individual funds for goods provided or services rendered. These receivables and payables are classified as "due from other funds" or "due to other funds" on the balance sheet.

Prepaid Items

Payments made to insurance companies for coverage that will benefit the period beyond June 30, 1998, are recorded as prepaid insurance.

Bad Debts

Uncollectable amounts due for ad valorem taxes, customers' utility receivables, and special assessments are recognized as bad debts through the establishment of an allowance account at the time information becomes available which would indicate the uncollectability of the particular receivable.

Fixed Assets and Long-term Liabilities

The accounting and reporting treatment applied to the fixed assets and long-term liabilities associated with a fund are determined by its measurement focus. All governmental fund type operations are accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus and only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on their balance sheets.

Fixed assets used in governmental fund type operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets account group, and are recorded as expenditures in the governmental fund types when purchased. The Town has elected to capitalize public domain ("infrastructure") fixed assets consisting of certain improvements other than buildings, including roads, bridges, sidewalks, and drainage improvements. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets.

Long-term liabilities expected to be financed from governmental funds are accounted for in the General Long-Term Debt account group.

All proprietary funds are accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus, and all assets and all liabilities (whether current or non-current) associated with their activity are included on their balance sheets.

Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets used by the proprietary fund is charged as an expense against their operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Utility systems
Machinery and equipment

50 years 5 - 10 years

All fixed assets are stated at historical cost.

Interest is capitalized on proprietary fund assets acquired with tax-exempt debt. The amount of interest to be capitalized is calculated by offsetting interest expense incurred from the date of the borrowing until completion of the project with interest earned on invested proceeds over the same period. No interest costs have been capitalized for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998.

Compensated Absences

The Town has adopted a policy of ten days vacation per year, which may not carry over or accumulate to future years. At June 30, 1998, the liability for accumulated unpaid vacation was minimal for both the general and proprietary funds, and no liability has been recorded.

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 Town's financial position and operations. However, comparative data have not been presented in all statements because their inclusion would make certain statements unduly complex and difficult to understand.

Memorandum Only - Total Columns

Total columns on the general purpose financial 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, results of operations or changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither are such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

NOTE 2 - AD VALOREM TAXES

Ad valorem taxes attach as an enforceable lien on property as of January 1 of each year. Taxes are levied by the Town in September or October and are actually billed to the taxpayers in November. Billed taxes become delinquent on January 1 of the following year. Revenues from ad valorem taxes are budgeted in the year billed.

For the year ended June 30, 1998, the Town levied a general tax of 7.08 mills on property with an assessment valuation totaling \$3,150,620.

Total tax levied was \$22,306.39 with \$1,224 and \$1,540 being receivable from current roll and prior years, respectively.

NOTE 3 - INTERFUND RECEIVABLES AND PAYABLES

	Interfund Receivables	Interfund Payables		
Debt Service Funds Enterprise Fund - Utility Fund	\$ 384	\$ 384		

NOTE 4 - RESTRICTED ASSETS - PROPRIETARY FUND TYPE

Restricted assets were applicable to the following at June 30:

	1998	1997
Bond reserve account Bond contingency account	\$	\$ 218,094 43,972
Customers' deposits	67,368	65,165
	67,368	327,231
	=======	=======

NOTE 5 - DEFICITS IN INDIVIDUAL FUNDS

The following funds reflected deficits in their retained earnings/fund balances at June 30, 1998:

Enterprise Fund - Utility Fund \$ (986,249)

The enterprise fund deficit is due to depreciation expense on contributed assets, and not from normal operations.

The Town Council plans to eliminate the deficit in retained earnings of the Utility Fund by increasing the charges for services for utilities and by increasing operating transfers in from the sales tax fund.

It is estimated that the accumulated deficit should by eliminated within the next seven fiscal years.

NOTE 6 - DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

At June 30, 1998, the carrying amount of the Town's deposits was \$ 25,538 and the bank balances were \$117,652. The Town's deposits and bank balances were covered by federal depository insurance up to \$ 100,000. The remaining balance was covered by collateral held in the pledging financial institutions' trust department in the Town's name.

The Town's investments consist of certificates of deposit and are secured by the same collateral discussed above. The total collateral pledged amounted to \$ 301,143 (market value) at June 30, 1998, and averaged \$ 550,000 to \$ 650,000 for the entire year. Total investments of \$ 212,654, deposits of \$ 25,538 and bank balances of \$117,652 were adequately secured as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998.

NOTE 7 - FIXED ASSETS

The following is a summary of proprietary fund-type fixed assets at June 30, 1998:

	Enterprise Fund - Utility Fund
Land	\$ 113,559
Buildings	39,995
Furniture and fixtures	15,533
Transportation equipment	45,418
Machinery and equipment	82,370
Gas system and extensions	331,042
Water system and extensions	1,504,461
Sewer system and extensions	1,859,139
	3,991,517
Less accumulated depreciation	2,002,833
Net fixed assets	1,988,684
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NOTE 8 - CONTINGENT LIABILITIES

The Town is a defendant in various lawsuits. Although the outcome of these lawsuits is not presently determinable, in the opinion of the Town's attorney the resolution of these matters will not have a materially adverse effect on the financial condition of the Town.

NOTE 9 - DEDICATION OF PROCEEDS AND FLOW OF FUNDS

1.2% Sales and Use Tax

The Town of Washington has dedicated the proceeds of its 1% sales and use tax to the purpose of maintenance and operation of its utility system. For the year ended June 30, 1998, \$57,520 had been collected and used for these purposes.

The Town has dedicated the proceeds of its .2% sales and use tax to the purpose of street and sidewalk improvements. For the year ended June 30, 1998, \$ 6,753 had been collected and used for these purposes.

NOTE 10 - RETTREMENT COMMITMENTS

The Town of Washington is a member of the Municipal Police Employees Retirement System of Louisiana, which covers the eligible employees of the police department. Other Town Employees are not covered by a plan. No employees were eligible to participate during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998. The Town makes contributions for the covered employees based on fourteen percent (14%) of compensation, of which seven percent (7%) is the employees' share. No contributions were made during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998.

GENERAL FUND

To account for resources traditionally associated with governments which are not required to be accounted for in another fund.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
ASSETS		
Cash Ad valorem taxes receivable	\$ 9,946.52 2,764.35	\$ 16,983.32
Total assets	12,710.87	18,856.38
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities: Accounts payable Payroll taxes payable	2,838.34 2,515.79	4,178.51 2,152.06
Total liabilities	<u>5,354.13</u>	6,330.57
Fund balance - Unreserved-undesignated	7,356.74	12,525.81
Total fund balance (deficit)	7,356.74	12,525.81
Total liabilities and fund balance	12,710.87	18,856.38

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL

Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

		1998		
			Variance -	
	Donadanak	3 - L 1	Favorable	1997
	<u>Budget</u>	Actual	(Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 21,700.00	\$ 22,306.39	\$ 606.39	\$ 22,585.34
Licenses and permits	24,800.00	32,149.45	7,349.45	29,847.02
Intergovernmental	35,200.00	34,143.89	(1,056.11)	9,387.24
Charges for services	2,600.00	1,462.92	(1,137.08)	2,700.30
Fines and forfeits	16,500.00	17,060.00	560.00	15,973.50
Miscellaneous revenues	37,900.00	34,469.22	(3,431.78)	38,295.64
Total revenues	138,700.00	141,591.87	2,891.87	118,789.04
Ermondituron				
Expenditures: General government	131,612.00	128,536.18	3 075 00	117 722 21
Public safety - police	117,920.00	117,087.15	3,075.82 832.85	147,722.34 111,978.41
Street department	113,620.00	116,567.61	(2,947.61)	91,764.44
Total expenditures	363,152.00	362,190.94	961.06	351,465.19
TOUT CAPCILLED	3037132.00	302/100.04	201:00	331,403.13
Excess (deficiency) of reve-	-			
nues over expenditures	(224,452.00)	(220,599.07)	3,852.93	(232,676.15)
Other financing sources:				
Operating transfer from:				
Utility fund	184,000.00	182,570.00	(1,430.00)	175,173.00
Sales tax fund	38,000.00	32,860.00	(5,140.00)	60,825.00
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Total other sources	222,000.00	215,430.00	(6,570.00)	235,998.00
Excess (deficiency) of reve-	_			
nues & other sources over expenditures & other uses	(2.452.00)	/ E 160 07\	(2 717 07)	2 221 05
expenditures & Other uses	(2,452.00)	(5,169.07)	(2,717.07)	3,321.85
Fund balance, beginning		12,525.81	12,525.81	9,203.96
Fund balance, ending	(2,452.00)	7,356.74	9,808.74	12,525.81
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA GENERAL FUND

STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES COMPARED TO BUDGET (GAAP) BASIS Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

		1998		
			Variance -	-
			Favorable	1997
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
General government:				
Auto expense	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,300.97	\$(300.97)	\$ 836.84
Audit fees	2,800.00	2,600.00	200.00	2,300.00
Salaries	15,600.00	15,064.90	535.10	16,206.58
Attorney fees	1,800.00	1,200.00	600.00	1,900.00
Accounting fees	2,350.00	2,300.00	50.00	1,930.00
Advertising	1,000.00	1,030.89	(30.89)	725.50
Group insurance	13,000.00	10,189.85	2,810.15	11,911.54
Utilities	12,800.00	15,439.88	(2,639.88)	13,794.08
Office supplies	3,200.00	3,279.61	(79.61)	2,378.94
Payroll taxes	13,800.00	13,807.07	(7.07)	11,663.54
Miscellaneous	5,200.00	4,782.94	417.06	5,325.05
Dues and subscriptions	1,320.00	1,335.30	(15.30)	1,161.30
Insurance	38,400.00	38,774.65	(374.65)	43,318.48
Preparation of tax roll	620.00	724.40	(104.40)	610.00
Repairs and maintenance	1,500.00	1,289.25	210.75	1,015.06
Court clerk	300.00	300.00		275.00
Mayor's auto allowance	2,472.00	2,472.00		2,400.00
Washington museum	3,600.00	2,496.75	1,103.25	4,500.00
Telephone	1,400.00	1,488.70	(88.70)	1,273.20
Meetings and conventions	1,500.00	1,434.09	65.91	1,860.40
Pest control	650.00	572.99	77.01	532.99
Supplies - general	1,100.00	957.88	142.12	2,237.03
Janitorial supplies	1,200.00	1,124.06	75.94	1,756.81
Capital outlay	5,000.00	4,570.00	430.00	<u>17,810.00</u>
Total general				
government	131,612.00	128,536.18	3,075.82	147,722.34
Public safety - police:			_	
Salaries	89,000.00	00 E00 73	400 OD	D0 455 44
Auto expense	9,200.00	88,590.72 9,268.20	409.28	88,465.41
Film and developing	200.00	225.67	(268.20)	9,037.97
Coroner's fees	2,100.00		(25.67)	242.31
Equipment repairs	1,500.00	2,070.00 1,340.75	30.00	720 20
Supplies	1,100.00	1,014.98	159.25	739.22
Telephone	4,600.00	4,635.39	85.02 (35.30)	1,670.36
Miscellaneous	2,800.00	2,778.49	(35.39)	4,796.07
Office supplies	400.00	392.59	21.51	4,467.50
Feeding prisoners	220.00	202.62	7.41	1,320.55
	220.00	202.02	17.38	369.59

		1998		
			Variance -	
			Favorable	1997
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)	Actual
Public safety - police (continued):				
Uniforms	800.00	700.54	99.46	869.43
Capital outlay	6,000.00	5,867.20	132.80	
Total expenditures	117,920.00	117,087.15	832.85	111,978.41
Street department:				
Salaries	30,000.00	29,327.66	672.34	24,789.79
Truck expense	6,800.00	6,850.35	(50.35)	5,023.90
Repairs and maintenance	7,000.00	6,930.37	69.63	4,922.92
Concrete, gravel, etc.	1,200.00	1,053.00	147.00	2,232.22
Miscellaneous	420.00	734.18	(314.18)	500.80
Small tools and supplies	8,200.00	8,407.80	(207.80)	7,146.30
Capital outlay	60,000.00	63,264.25	$(_3,264.25)$	46,908.06
Total street				
department	113,620.00	116,567.61	(2,947.61)	91,764.44
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Total expenditures	363,152.00	362,190.94	961.06	351,465.19
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SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

SALES TAX FUND

To account for the receipt and use of proceeds of the Town's 1.2% sales and use tax. These taxes are dedicated to capital expenditures for sewer and sewage disposal department operations and maintenance.

A portion of accumulated sales tax revenues has been dedicated to be used for street improvements.

CEMETERY FUND

To account for the receipts and subsequent expenditure of funds received for the sale of cemetery plots and the maintenance and upkeep of the Town-owned cemetery.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS COMBINING BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 1998

With Comparative Totals for June 30, 1997

			To	tals
	Cemetery	Sales Tax	1998	1997
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		•	
ASSETS				
Cash	\$6,341.14	\$ 35,151.50	\$ 41,492.64	\$ 10,169.35
Investments, at cost		47,001.17	47,001.17	234,210.20
Accrued interest receivable		<u>175.78</u>	<u> 175.78</u>	4,258.55
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Total Assets	6,341.14	82,328.45	88,669.59	248,638.10
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LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANC	TEC			
DIVIDITITES WAS LOND DATIMA	æ5			
Liabilities:				
Payroll taxes payable	\$ 110.54		110.54	135.75
Due to Utility Fund				28,667.47
Total liabilities	110.54		110.54	28,803.22
				
Fund Balances:				
Reserved for operations				
and maintenance		152.72	152.72	218,345.40
Unreserved-Undesignated	6,230.60	<u>82,175.73</u>	88,406.33	1,489.48
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Total fund balances	6,230.60	82,328.45	88,559.05	219,834.88
Total liabilities and	_		<u> </u>	
fund balances	6,341.14	82,328.45	88,669.59	248,638.10
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

COMBINING STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES

Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Totals for Year Ended June 30, 1997

			Tota	als
	Cemetery	Sales Tax	1998	1997
D				
Revenue: Taxes	\$	\$ 64,273.38	\$ 64,273.38	\$ 59,113.22
Charges for services	13,020.00	φ 04,275.50 ~~~	13,020.00	12,420.00
Miscellaneous		11,733.60	11,733.60	12,001.76
Total revenues	13,020.00	76,006.98	89,026.98	83,534.98
Expenditures:	10 270 00		10 270 00	10 /05 11
General government	18,278.88		18,278.88	18,485.11
Total expenditures	18,278.88		18,278.88	18,485.11
Excess (deficiency) of				
revenues over				
expenditures	(5,258.88)	76,006.98	70,748.10	65,049.87
Other financing sources				
(uses): Operating transfers in	10,000.00		10,000.00	5,800.00
Operating transfers out		(212,023.93)	(212,023.93)	(67,425.00)
Total other financing sources (uses)	10.000.00	(212,023.93)	(202,023,93)	(61,625,00)
BOULCES (UBCS)	10,000.00	(<u>LIL, ULJ. JJ</u>)	(202,023.33)	(_017023.007
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other				
sources over expend- itures and other uses	1 7/1 12	(126 016 05)	(121 275 02)	2 121 07
itures and other uses	4,741.12	(136,016.95)	(131,275.63)	3,424.87
Fund balances, beginning	1,489.48	218,345.40	219,834.88	216,410.01
Fund balances, ending	6,230.60	82,328.45	88,559.05	219,834.88
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS

CEMETERY FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

		1998		
			Variance - Favorable	1997
	<u>Budget</u>	Actual	(Unfavorable)	<u>Actual</u>
Revenues:				
Charges for services:				
Sale of plots	\$ 6,800.00	\$ 10,025.00 \$	3,225.00	\$ 8,825.00
Interment fees	300.00	975.00	675.00	1,075.00
Maintenance & upkeep	2,000.00	2,020.00	20.00	2,520.00
Total revenues	9,100.00	13,020.00	3,920.00	12,420.00
Total Tevenues	2,100.00	13,020.00	3,320.00	12/420.00
Expenditures:				
General government:				
Miscellaneous	3,400.00	2,822.94	577.06	3,311.24
Interment fees	250.00	315.00	(65.00)	315.00
Gas, oil & repairs	3,400.00	3,370.50	29.50	642.09
Supplies	300.00	296.76	3.24	359.37
Capital outlay				1,098.00
Salaries	11,500.00	10,646.10	853.90	11,865.88
Payroll taxes	860.00	827.58	32.42	893.53
Total expenditures	19,710.00	18,278.88	1,431.12	18,485.11
TOTAL CALCULOD				
Excess (deficiency) of reve				
nues over expenditures	(10,610.00)	(5,258.88)	5,351.12	(6,065.11)
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Other financing sources:				
Operating transfer from				
Utility Fund	10,000.00	10,000.00		5,800.00
Total other sources	10,000.00	10,000.00		5,800.00
Excess (deficiency) of reve	_			
nues over expenditures	(610.00)	4,741.12	5,351.12	(265.11)
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Fund balance, beginning		1,489.48	1,489.48	1,754.59
Fund balance, ending	(610.00)	6,230.60	6,840.60	1,489.48
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS SALES TAX FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL Year Ended June 30, 1998

With Comparative Actual Amounts for Year Ended June 30, 1997

		1998		<u> </u>
	Budget	Actual	Variance - Favorable (Unfavorable	1997) Actual
				<u> </u>
Revenues: Taxes:				
Sales Taxes	\$ 57,000.00	\$ 64,273.38	\$ 7,273.38	\$ 59,113.22
Miscellaneous revenues:	•	•	•	·
Interest on investments	10,400.00	11,733.60	1,333.60	12,001.76
Total revenues	67,400.00	76,006.98	<u>8,606.98</u>	<u>71,114.98</u>
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Expenditures:				
General government Total expenditures				
Total expendicutes				
Excess of revenues over				
expenditures	67,400.00	76,006.98	8,606.98	71,114.98
Other financing uses: Operating transfer to:				
General Fund	38,000.00	32,860.00	5,140.00	60,825.00
Utility Fund	193,301.00	<u>179,163.93</u>	14,137.07	6,600.00
Total other uses	<u>231,301.00</u>	212,023.93	19,277.07	67,425.00
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expendi-				
tures & other uses	(163,901.00)	(136,016.95)	27,884.05	3,689.98
Fund balance, beginning		218,345.40	218,345.40	214,655.42
Fund balance, ending	(163,901.00)	82,328.45	246,229.45	218,345.40

DEBT SERVICE FUND

To account for the funds generated by assessing individual property owners for a share of the cost of paving several streets within the Town.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA DEBT SERVICE FUND BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1998

With Comparative Totals for June 30, 1997

	Street Paving	g Project Fund 1997
ASSETS	1990	1991
Assessments receivable	\$ 9,115.05	\$ 9,115.05
Total assets	9,115.05	9,115.05
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES		
Liabilities: Due to utility fund	383.90	383.90
Total liabilities	383.90	383.90
Fund balances: Reserved for debt service Unreserved-undesignated	8,731.15	8,731.15
Total fund balances	8,731.15	8,731.15
Total liabilities and fund balances	9,115.05	9,115.05 =======

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA DEBT SERVICE FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES

AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES June 30, 1998

With Comparative Totals for Year Ended June 30, 1997

	Street Paving Project Fun		
	1998	1997	
Revenues:			
Miscellaneous -		_	
Interest Income	\$	\$	
Total revenue			
Expenditures:			
Principle retirement			
Interest			
Total expenditures	<u></u>		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues			
over expenditures			
Other financing soures (uses):			
Operating transfer from (to)			
Sales tax fund			
Utility fund			
Total other sources (uses)			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues and other sources over expenditures			
and other uses			
Fund balance, beginning	<u>8,731.15</u>	8,731.15	
Fund balance, ending	8,731.15	8,731.15	
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA DEBT SERVICE FUND STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE - BUDGET (GAAP) BASIS AND ACTUAL Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Street Paving Project Fund		
	Budget	Actual	(Unfavorable)
Revenues:			
Miscellaneous -			
Interest Income	\$	\$ <u></u> -	\$
Total revenue			
Expenditures:			
Excess revenues over expenditures	* *		
Other financing uses: Operating transfer from (to): General fund Utility fund			
Total other uses			
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures and other uses			
Fund balance, beginning		<u>8,731.15</u>	<u>8,731.15</u>
Fund balance, ending	 =======	8,731.15	8,731.15

ENTERPRISE FUND

Utility Fund - To account for the provision of gas, water and sewer services to resident of the Town. All activities necessary to provide such services are accounted for in this fund, including, but not limited to, administration, operations, maintenance, financing and related debt service, and billing and collection.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA UTILITY FUND COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET June 30, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
ASSETS		
Current assets: Cash Investments, at cost Accounts receivable, net of allowance for uncollectable accounts (\$671.25) Unbilled service revenue Accrued interest receivable Due from debt service fund Due from sales tax fund Inventory	\$ 66,211.70 123,822.84 31,521.63 17,457.63 619.50 383.90 5,355.17	\$ 31,350.29 105,325.31 32,948.83 17,457.63 1,339.84 383.90 28,667.47 5,355.17
Prepaid expenses	8,799.82	3,478.64
Total current assets	254,172.19	226,307.08
Restricted assets: Bond reserve account: Investments, at cost Bond contingency account: Investments, at cost Customers deposits: Cash Investments, at cost Total restricted assets	25,538.21 41,830.15 67,368.36	218,094.28 43,971.96 25,024.21 40,140.77 327,231.22
Plant and equipment, at cost, net of accumulated depreciation (1998 - \$2,002,833.30; 1997 - \$1,857,416.73)	1,988,683.66	2,114,216.23
Total assets	2,310,224.21	2,667,754.53

	1998	1997
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities: Current liabilities		
(payable from current assets): Accounts payable	3,642.29	3,642.29
Accrued expenses Total current liabilities	2,254.04	2,171.96
(payable from current assets)	5,896.33	5,814.25
Current liabilities		
<pre>(payable from restricted assets): Utility refunding bonds payable</pre>		24,603.00
Accrued interest payable		9,609.52
Customers' deposits	44,710.45	44,072.23
Total current liabilities		
(payable from restriced assets)	44,710.45	78,284.75
Long-term liabilities:		
Utility refunding bonds payable		<u>326,701.00</u>
Total long-term liabilities		326,701.00
Total liabilities	50,606.78	410,800.00
Fund equity:		
Contributed capital:		
State grants	236,146.36	236,146.36
Federal grants	2,366,219.00	2,366,219.00
Intergovernmental	643,501.53	643,501.53
Total contributed capital	3,245,866.89	3,245,866.89
Retained earnings:		
Reserved for bond retirement		262,066.24
Unreserved	(986,249.46)	(1,250,978.60)
Total retained earnings (deficit)	(986,249.46)	(<u>988,912.36</u>)
Total fund equity	2,259,617.43	2,256,954.53
Total liabilities and fund equity	2,310,224.21	2,667,754.53

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA ENTERPRISE FUND UTILITY FUND

SCHEDULE OF OPERATING EXPENSES Years Ended June 30, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
Gas department:		
Audit fees	¢ 2 400 00	# 2 700 00
Accounting fees	\$ 2,400.00 760.00	\$ 2,700.00
Depreciation		1,461.60
Gas purchases	10,564.68	12,015.19
Insurance and bond expenses	151,497.82	155,231.04
Miscellaneous	25,330.48	27,504.59
Office supplies	3,772.06	7,092.85
Payroll taxes	1,479.33	795.46
Postage	3,458.35	3,924.61
Repairs - meters	3,226.07 1,530.00	3,227.95
Repairs - other	1,530.90	4,228.60
Salaries	1,747.14	2,150.00
Supplies - other	45,119.23	44,923.35
Telephone	6,617.22	14,729.28
Truck expenses	4,072.10	3,597.26
Uniforms	3,039.40	2,615.68
Utilities	1,002.30	998.56
CCLLICIO	5,642.27	5,856.47
Total gas department	271,259.35	293,052.49
Water department:		
Accounting fees	480.00	480.00
Depreciation	59,385.75	59,385.75
Insurance	1,617.00	2,510.00
Miscellaneous	3,797.03	1,612.75
Outside services	135.28	295.00
Repairs	4,088.43	
Supplies - other	12,301.70	847.34
Telephone	363.00	8,422.42
		396.00
Total water department	82,168.19	73,949.26

	1998	1997
Sewer department:		
Accounting fees	480.00	480.00
Insurance	3,435.00	5,229.98
Depreciation	75,466.14	75,466.14
Miscellaneous	2,490.00	2,667.50
Supplies - other	4,937.77	5,665.36
Payroll taxes	1,430.52	1,599.10
Repairs	8,323.11	8,193.90
Salaries	20,400.00	20,400.00
Truck expenses	662.25	
Total sewer department	117,624.79	119,701.98
Total operating expenses	471,052.33	486,703.73
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GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

The General Fixed Assets Account group accounts for fixed assets not used in proprietary find operations.

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS June 30, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
General Fixed Assets		
Land	\$ 60,980	\$ 60,980
Buildings	394,834	384,397
Improvements other than buildings	802,756	739,492
Equipment	246,070	246,070
Other structures and improvements	74,021	74,021
Total general fixed assets	1,578,661	1,504,960
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Investment in General Fixed Assets From:		
General Fund revenues	361,387	345,546
Federal Revenue Sharing Fund revenues	71,788	71,788
Special Revenue Fund révenues	419,720	386,860
Federal grants	325,000	325,000
Contributions by property owners	121,273	121,273
Utility Fund revenues	47,675	47,675
State Revenue Sharing Funds	19,675	19,675
Department of Transportation	201,000	176,000
State Mineral Trust Fund	11,143	11,143
Total investment in general fixed assets	1,578,661	1,504,960
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TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS Year Ended June 30, 1998

	Land	Buildings	Improvements Other Than Buildings
General fixed assets, beginning of year	\$ 60,980	\$ 384,397	\$ 739,492
Additions: General fund revenues Dept. of Transportation Special fund revenues		10,437	5,404 25,000 32,860
Total additons		<u>10,437</u>	63,264
General fixed assets, end of year	60,980	394,834	802,756

	Other Structures &	
Equipment	Improvements	Total
\$ 246,070	\$ 74,021	\$ 1,504,960
		15,841
		25,000
		32,860
		<u>73,701</u>
246,070	74,021	1,578,661

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GENERAL INFORMATION

TOWN OF WASHINGTON, LOUISIANA SCHEDULE OF GENERAL INFORMATION AND STATISTICAL DATA June 30, 1998

Governing Body

The Town of Washington, Louisiana operates under the "Mayor and Board of Aldermen" form of government. The governing body and their income for the year ended June 30, 1998 is as follows:

Honorable John K. Soileau, Mayor	\$8,034
Honorable T. J. Smith, Alderman	1,361
Honorable Gary Wilson, Alderman	1,361
Honorable John L. Matt, Alderman	1,386
Honorable Wilbert Ledet, Alderman	1,336
Honorable Dorothy Mayer, Alderwoman	1,386

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To the Mayor and Board of Aldermen Town of Washington, Louisiana

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

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Town of Washington, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated November 9, 1998. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in <u>Government Auditing Standards</u>, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Town of Washington, Louisiana financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain probisions 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 those 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 audit, we considered the Town of Washington, Louisiana 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 the Town Council, and the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

RICHARD C. URBAN, C.P.A.

Opelousas, Louisiana November 9, 1998