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**LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS
DISTRICT NORTH**
Lafayette, Louisiana

Financial Report

Year Ended December 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North
Lafayette, Louisiana

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North (District), a component unit of Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose 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 Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North, as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund type for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated May 26, 1999, on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements of the Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as "Supplementary Information" in the table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North. Such information, except for the portion marked "Unaudited", on which we express no opinion, has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to such general purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Rainey, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
May 26, 1999

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana
Proprietary Fund Type - Enterprise Fund
Water Fund

Balance Sheet
December 31, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash	\$ 54,589	\$ 24,808
Investments	-	55,067
Due from City of Lafayette	120,618	76,408
Prepaid insurance	1,138	1,138
Total current assets	176,345	157,421
Restricted cash and investments:		
Cash	263,446	109,963
Investments	110,044	230,558
Total restricted assets	373,490	340,521
Property, plant and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation	5,128,328	4,890,637
Total assets	\$5,678,163	\$5,388,579
LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY		
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities - (payable from current assets)		
Interim construction financing	\$ -	\$1,400,339
Accounts payable	7,858	105,499
Contracts payable	2,917	-
Retainage payable	60,697	-
Membership deposits	75,496	62,235
Accrued interest payable	71,578	74,527
Total current liabilities	218,546	1,642,600
Current liabilities - (payable from restricted assets)		
Revenue bonds payable	70,267	23,335
Long-term liabilities -		
Revenue bonds payable	4,309,802	2,703,272
Total liabilities	4,598,615	4,369,207
Fund equity:		
Contributed capital	95,550	95,550
Retained earnings, unreserved	983,998	923,822
Total fund equity	1,079,548	1,019,372
Total liabilities and fund equity	\$5,678,163	\$5,388,579

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana
Proprietary Fund Type-Enterprise Fund
Water Fund

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Retained Earnings
Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Operating revenues:		
Charges for services -		
Water sales and fees	<u>\$1,322,993</u>	<u>\$1,130,326</u>
Operating expenses:		
Cost of water sold	799,733	681,971
Professional fees	82,945	32,764
Depreciation expense	126,295	98,326
Amortization expense	786	-
Director fees	4,005	3,340
Insurance expenses	8,252	2,601
Repairs and maintenance	65,400	3,510
Utilities	3,673	-
Office expenses & supplies	7,457	2,315
Total operating expenses	<u>1,098,546</u>	<u>824,827</u>
Net operating income	<u>224,447</u>	<u>305,499</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest and Investment income	22,474	14,093
Interest expense	(190,399)	(190,449)
Miscellaneous	3,654	27,100
Total nonoperating expenses	<u>(164,271)</u>	<u>(149,256)</u>
Net income	60,176	156,243
Retained earnings, beginning	<u>923,822</u>	<u>767,579</u>
Retained earnings, ending	<u><u>\$ 983,998</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 923,822</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana
Proprietary Fund Type-Enterprise Fund
Water Fund

Statement of Cash Flows
Years Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Net Operating Income	\$ 224,447	\$ 305,499
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operations:		
Depreciation	126,295	98,326
Amortization of bond issue costs	786	-
Decrease (Increase) in due from City of Lafayette	(44,210)	1,048
Increase (Decrease) in accounts payable	(97,641)	78,764
Increase (Decrease) in contracts payable	2,917	-
Increase (Decrease) in retainage payable	60,697	-
(Increase) in prepaid insurance	-	(331)
Decrease in other assets	-	5,000
Net cash provided by operations	273,291	488,306
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from bond issuance	3,510,000	-
Payments on interim construction financing	(1,400,339)	1,311,930
Principal paid on bonds	(1,825,902)	(23,851)
Payment of bond issue costs	(31,422)	-
Interest paid on bonds	(193,348)	(113,629)
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(363,986)	(1,731,813)
Increase in membership deposits	13,261	16,070
Other receipts	3,654	27,100
Net cash flows for capital activities	(288,082)	(514,193)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Interest received on cash and investments	22,474	14,093
Maturities of investment	175,581	65,694
Net cash flows from investing activities	198,055	79,787
Net change in cash	183,264	53,900
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	134,771	80,871
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 318,035	\$ 134,771

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LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana
Proprietary Fund Type-Enterprise Fund
Water Fund

Statement of Cash Flows (Continued)
Year Ended December 31, 1998 and 1997

	1998	1997
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per statement of cash flows to the balance sheet:		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -		
Cash - unrestricted	\$ 24,808	\$ 39,674
Cash - restricted	109,963	41,197
Total cash and cash equivalents	134,771	80,871
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -		
Cash - unrestricted	54,589	24,808
Cash - restricted	263,446	109,963
Total cash and cash equivalents	318,035	134,771
Net increase	\$ 183,264	\$ 53,900

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North (the District), which is a component unit of Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government, was created under the provisions of Louisiana Revised Statutes 33:3811, for the purpose of providing potable drinking water to the rural areas of Lafayette Parish. The District is governed by a board of commissioners composed of ten members appointed by Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government.

The accounting and reporting policies of the District conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies:

A. Financial Reporting Entity

This report is comprised of a proprietary fund that is administered by the District's board of commissioners and controlled by the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the proprietary fund maintained by the District and do not present information on the Lafayette Parish Consolidated Government and the general governmental services provided by that governmental unit.

B. Fund Accounting

The accounts of the District are organized on the basis of a proprietary fund, of which there exists only an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

C. 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.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

The proprietary fund is accounted for on a cost of services or "capital maintenance" measurement focus, and all assets and all liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with its activity are included on its balance sheet.

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

Utility System and Improvements	30-40 years
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	10 years

D. Basis of Accounting

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and 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.

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. Unbilled utility service receivables, resulting from utility services rendered between the date of meter reading and billing and the end of the month, are not recorded due to immateriality at December 31, 1998.

E. Interest-Bearing Deposits

Interest-bearing deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. All short-term investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and at the date of purchase, they have a maturity date no longer than three months.

F. Investments

Under state law, the District may deposit funds with a fiscal agent 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. The District may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes and bills, government backed agency securities, or certificates and time deposits of state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. Investments are stated at cost, which is not materially different from market value.

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Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

G. Capitalization of Interest Expense

It is the policy of the Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North to capitalize material amounts of interest resulting from borrowings in the course of the construction of fixed assets. At December 31, 1998, interest costs capitalized amounted to \$56,836.

H. Fund Equity

Contributed capital is recorded in proprietary funds that have received capital grants or contributions from developers, customers or other funds. Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally separated for a specific future use.

(2) Cash and Interest-Bearing Deposits

Under state law, the District may deposit funds within a fiscal agent bank organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana, the law of any other state in the Union, or the laws of the United States. The District may invest in certificates and time deposits of the state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having principal offices in Louisiana. At December 31, 1998, the District had cash and interest-bearing deposits (book balances) totaling \$318,035 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$220,704
Time deposits and money market accounts	<u>97,331</u>
Total	<u>\$318,035</u>

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. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent bank. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. The bank balances are categorized below to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by the District at December 31, 1998. Category 1 includes bank balances that are insured or collateralized with securities held by the entity or by its agent in the entity's name. Category 2 includes bank balances that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution's trust department or agent in the entity's name. Category 3 includes bank balances that are collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, or by its trust department or agent but not in the entity's name. Deposit balances (bank balances) at December 31, 1998, are as follows:

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Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Bank balances	<u>\$320,482</u>
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At December 31, 1998, the deposits are secured as follows:

Federal deposit insurance	\$197,331
Pledged securities (Category 3)	<u>123,151</u>
 Total	 <u>\$320,482</u>

Even though pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3), Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

(3) Restricted Assets - Proprietary Fund Type

Restricted assets were applicable to the following at December 31:

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Revenue bond and interest sinking account	\$ 60,295	\$133,650
Revenue bond reserve account	106,301	100,779
Revenue bond contingency account	91,277	75,555
Customers' deposits	-	17,167
Capital improvements	<u>115,617</u>	<u>13,370</u>
 Total restricted assets	 <u>\$373,490</u>	 <u>\$340,521</u>

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(4) Investments

The District can invest in direct debt securities of the United States unless such an investment is expressly prohibited by law. The District's investments are categorized to give an indication of the level of risk assumed by it at year end. Category 1 includes investments that are insured or registered or for which the securities are held by the District or its agent in the District's name. Category 2 includes uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name. Category 3 includes uninsured and unregistered investments with securities held by the counterparty, or by its trust department or agent, but not in the District's name.

The carrying amounts and approximate market values of investments are summarized as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>December 31, 1998</u>	
			<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Approximate Fair Value</u>
FHLB Discount Note	601	1	\$ 35,000	\$ 35,158
U. S. Treasury Note	5.375	1	14,958	15,225
U. S. Treasury Note	5.5	1	25,086	25,258
Federal GNMA Trust	Various	1	35,000	34,847
			<u>\$110,044</u>	<u>\$110,488</u>

<u>Description</u>	<u>Interest Rate</u>	<u>Category</u>	<u>December 31, 1997</u>	
			<u>Carrying Amount</u>	<u>Approximate Fair Value</u>
FHLB Discount Note	6.20	1	\$ 70,000	\$ 70,092
U. S. Treasury Note	6.375	1	160,750	161,471
U. S. Treasury Note	5.5	1	29,917	29,919
Federal GNMA Trust	5	1	24,958	24,992
			<u>\$285,625</u>	<u>\$286,474</u>

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(5) Fixed Asscts

A summary of proprietary fund type property, plant and equipment at December 31, follows:

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Land	\$ 21,905	\$ 21,905
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	2,657	2,657
Water system	5,853,903	3,841,742
Construction in progress	-	<u>1,648,176</u>
Total	5,878,465	5,514,480
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(750,137)</u>	<u>(623,843)</u>
Net Utility Fund property, plant and equipment	<u>\$5,128,328</u>	<u>\$4,890,637</u>

Depreciation expense for the year ended December 31, 1998 totaled \$98,326.

(6) Changes in Long-Term Debt

The following is a summary of debt transactions of the District for the year ended December 31, 1998:

	<u>Utility Revenue Bonds</u>
Long-term debt payable at January 1, 1998	\$2,726,607
Long-term debt issued	3,510,000
Long-term debt retired	<u>1,825,902</u>
Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1998	<u>\$4,410,705</u>

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

Long-term debt payable at December 31, 1998, is composed of the following individual issues:

Utility Revenue Bonds:

\$950,000 Revenue Bonds, Series 1993, due in annual installments of \$60,610 through October 27, 2033; interest at 5.625 percent	\$ 908,110
\$1,830,000 Revenue Bonds, Series 1997, due in annual installments of \$5,000 to \$136,000 through October 1, 2020; interest at 5.75 percent	1,825,000
\$1,680,000 Revenue Bonds, Series 1998, due in annual installments of \$95,424 through October 27, 2037; interest at 4.75 percent	1,677,595
	4,410,705
Less: Unamortized bond discount	30,636
	\$4,380,069

The annual requirements to amortize all debts outstanding at December 31, 1998, including interest payments of \$4,630,104 are as follows:

<u>December 31,</u>	<u>Utility Revenue Bonds</u>
1999	\$ 305,971
2000	303,384
2001	305,797
2002	302,921
2003	305,047
2004-2008	1,523,000
2009-2013	1,520,270
2014-2018	1,518,420
2019-2023	1,074,573
2024-2028	780,170
2029-2033	719,560
2034-2037	381,696
	\$ 9,040,809

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(7) Flow of Funds; Restrictions on Use - Utility Revenues

Under the terms of the respective bond indentures on the utility revenue bonds, all income and revenues (hereinafter referred to as revenue) of every nature, earned or derived from operations of the Water Utility System are pledged and dedicated to the retirement of said bonds and are to be set aside into the following special funds. Each month there will be set aside into a "Waterworks Revenue Bond and Interest Sinking Fund" an amount sufficient to accumulate the amount needed to assure the prompt payment of the principal and interest installments as they become due, and may be used only for such payment.

There shall also be set aside into a "Waterworks Reserve Fund" a monthly amount equal to 5 percent of the amount to be paid into the sinking fund until the sum of \$306,826 has been accumulated.

Funds will also be set aside into a "Waterworks Depreciation and Contingency Fund" of \$1,305 per month. Monies in this fund shall be used to pay the major repairs due to damage caused by unforeseen catastrophe and for replacements made necessary by the depreciation of the system.

All of the revenues received in any fiscal year and not required to be paid into any of the above noted funds in such fiscal year shall be regarded as surplus and may be used for any lawful purpose.

The Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North was in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions in the bond indenture at December 31, 1998.

(8) Contingencies

Litigation -

At December 31, 1998, the District was the plaintiff in a lawsuit arising in the normal course of operations. The defendant in the lawsuit has made a formal demand for damages. The District's legal counsel and management of the District has reviewed the claim in order to evaluate the likelihood of an unfavorable outcome to the District and arrive at an estimate, if any, of the amount or range of potential loss to the District. The amount or range of potential loss, if any is currently undetermined.

Unasserted claim -

Demand has been made upon the District by the company contracted to build a water distribution system extension for alleged contractual and state law violations. The District's legal counsel has advised that the potential liability of the District, if any, is unknown.

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Notes to Financial Statements (Continued)

(9) Compensation of Board Members

A detail of compensation paid to the President of the Board and board members for the year ended December 31, 1998 follows:

John Richard, President	\$1,080
Board members:	
Melvin Eiden	540
Harold Hebert	540
William Guidry	540
Emanuel Anderson	540
Judy Duhon	540
Anna Racca	540
Joseph Walker	540
	<u>540</u>
	<u>\$4,860</u>

(10) Year 200 Issue (Unaudited)

The Year 200 issue is the result of computer programs being written using two digits rather than four to define the applicable year. Any of the District computer programs that have time sensitive software may recognize a date using "00" as the year 1900 rather than the year 2000. This could result in system failure or miscalculations causing disruptions of operations, including, among other things, a temporary inability to process transactions, or engage in similar normal business activities.

The District has very minimal use of computer and electronic equipment. The District has not contacted parties with whom they transact business with to determine if they are taking remediation efforts to be Year 2000 compliant.

Because of the unprecedented nature of the Year 2000 issue, its effects and the success of related remediation efforts will not be fully determinable until the Year 2000 and thereafter. Management cannot assure the District is or will be year 2000 compliant and that the District's remediation efforts will be successful in whole or in part or that the parties with whom the District transacts business will be Year 2000 compliant.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE

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Report on Compliance and on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with Government Auditing Standards

The Board of Commissioners
Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North
Lafayette, Louisiana

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North, (the District) as of and for the year ended June 30, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated May 26, 1999. We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the 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 its 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 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 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. However, we noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the District's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs in Part II, Item 98-1.

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. Our consideration

of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. However, we believe the reportable condition described above is not a material weakness.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

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Lafayette, Louisiana
May 26, 1999

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Report on Compliance with Requirements Applicable to Each Major Program and Internal Control Over Compliance in Accordance with OMB Circular A-133

The Board of Commissioners
Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North
Lafayette, Louisiana

Compliance

We have audited the compliance of Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North (the District), with the types of compliance requirements described in the U. S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 1998. The District's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditor's results section of the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs. Compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to its major federal program is the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the District's compliance based on our audit.

We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about the District's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion. Our audit does not provide a legal determination on the District's compliance with those requirements.

In our opinion, the District complied, in all material respects, with the requirements referred to above that are applicable to its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 1998.

Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of the District is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants applicable to federal programs. In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over compliance with requirements that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on compliance and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133.

Our consideration of the internal control over compliance would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control 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 noncompliance with applicable requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grants that would be material in relation to a major federal program 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 compliance and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses.

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards

We have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued our report thereon dated May 26, 1999. Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by OMB Circular A-133 and is not a required part of the general purpose financial statements of the District. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general purpose financial statements and in our opinion, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the general purpose financial statements taken as whole.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the District and federal awarding agencies. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

Kolder, Champagne, Slaven & Rainey, LLC
Certified Public Accountants

Lafayette, Louisiana
May 26, 1999

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended December 31, 1998

<u>Federal Grantor / Pass-Through Grantor / Program Title</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Outstanding Revenue Bonds</u>
United States Department of Agriculture - Rural Development *	10.418	<u>\$4,410,705</u>

* Indicates major program.

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended December 31, 1998

(1) General

The accompanying schedule of expenditures of federal awards presents the activity of all federal financial assistance programs of Lafayette Parish Waterworks District North (the District). The determination of when an award is expended should be based on when the activity related to the award occurs. Generally, the activity pertains to events that require the non-Federal entity to comply with laws, regulations, and the provisions of contracts or grant agreements.

(2) Basis of Accounting

The federal program presented consists only of loans and loan guarantees which are non-cash awards. Since the Federal Government is at risk for loans until the debt is repaid and since there are continuing compliance requirements, the balance of loans outstanding at December 31, 1998 was used to calculate the value of federal awards expended.

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended December 31, 1998

Part I. Summary of Auditor's Results:

1. An unqualified report was issued on the financial statements.
2. A reportable condition in internal control was disclosed by the audit of the financial statements. The reportable condition was not considered to be a material weakness.
3. There were no material instances of noncompliance.
4. No reportable conditions in internal control over the major program were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
5. An unqualified opinion was issued on compliance for the major program.
6. The audit disclosed no audit findings required to be reported under Section 510(a) of Circular A-133.
7. The major program was:
U. S. Department of Agriculture/Rural Development
8. The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs, as described in Section 520(b) of Circular A-133 was \$300,000.
9. The auditee did qualify as a low-risk auditee under Section 530 of Circular A-133.

Part II. Finding which is required to be reported in accordance with generally accepted Governmental Auditing Standards:

Internal Control and Compliance -

98-1 The District did not maintain and periodically reconcile membership deposit subsidiary records to the general ledger.

Part III. Findings and questioned costs for Federal awards which include audit findings as defined in Section 510 (a) of Circular A-133:

There are no findings that are required to be reported under the above guidance.

OTHER SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Corrective Action Plan
Year Ended December 31, 1998

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Action Taken</u>
98-1	<u>Membership deposits</u> The District should maintain subsidiary records to include such information as who paid, address, date, form of payment, date of service, date of refund, etc. A card system with such information could be implemented whereas all cards would be filed alphabetically until service is installed and/or monies are refunded. The outstanding deposits should be reconciled monthly with the general ledger.	The District's office clerk is currently implementing the auditors recommendation.

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Follow-up on Prior Year Findings
Year Ended December 31, 1998

Reference Number	Year Finding Initially Occurred	Description of Finding/ Management letter comment	Corrective Action Taken	Planned Corrective Action/Partial Corrective	
				Action Taken	Action Taken
97-1	1997	<u>Membership deposits</u> The District should maintain and periodically reconcile membership deposit subsidiary records to the general ledger.	No		The District's office clerk is currently implementing the auditors recommendation.
		<u>Invoices/supporting documentation</u>			
Management Letter	1997	Certain invoices and documentation supporting transactions recorded on the general ledger were not readily available for examination. Centralized filing and record retention procedures would allow for timely review of supporting documentation.	No		The District has hired a full-time office clerk which has implemented centralized filing and record retention procedures.

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana
Proprietary Fund Type-Enterprise Fund
Water Fund

Schedule of Number of Utility Customers
(Unaudited)
December 31, 1998 and 1997

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1997</u>
Water meters in service -		
Residential	3,066	2,808
Commercial	71	62

LAFAYETTE PARISH WATERWORKS DISTRICT NORTH
Lafayette, Louisiana

Schedule of Insurance in Force
(Unaudited)
December 31, 1998

Description of Coverage	Expiration Dates	Coverage Amounts
Surety bonds -	10/5/99	
Position bonds:		
President		\$ 212,000
Secretary/Treasurer		212,000
Administrative consultant		212,000
Commercial general liability -	4/9/99	
Each occurrence		1,000,000
General aggregate		2,000,000
Fire damage		100,000
Medical		5,000
Excess liability -	4/9/99	
Each occurrence		1,000,000
Aggregate		1,000,000

REDDELL-VIDRINE WATER DISTRICT
MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

SECTION I INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1998-2. Failure to Make Required Monthly Sinking, Reserve, and Depreciation and Contingency Fund Deposits:

Management should make required monthly deposits.

Management will begin making required monthly deposits into its Sinking, Reserve, and Depreciation and Contingency Funds.

1998-3. Audit Not Timely Completed:
Management should ensure that the audit of its annual financial statements is completed by the date required by its bond agreements.

Management will request from Rural Development to change the audit due date to the state requirement of six months after the close of the year under audit.