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**Sabine Parish Sales and
Use Tax Commission**

Many, Louisiana

FINANCIAL REPORT

Year ended December 31, 1998

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SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
DECEMBER 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Board of Commissioners
Sabine Parish Sales and
Use Tax Commission
Many, Louisiana

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, Many, Louisiana, and the individual fund and account group financial statements of the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, Many, Louisiana, as of December 31, 1998 and for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission's management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the 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. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, Many, Louisiana, as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations, and changes in fund balance for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Also, in my opinion, the individual fund and account group financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the individual fund and account group of the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission at December 31, 1998, and the results of the operations of such funds for the year then ended, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, I have also issued my report dated June 16, 1999 on my consideration of the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, Many, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting and my tests on its compliance with certain provision of laws, regulations, and contracts.



EUGENE W. FREMAUX II, CPA

June 16, 1999

GENERAL PURPOSE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
(COMBINED STATEMENTS - OVERVIEW)

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS
DECEMBER 31, 1998

	GOVERNMENT FUND TYPE GENERAL FUND	ACCOUNT GROUP GENERAL FIXED ASSETS	FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE AGENCY FUND	TOTALS (MEMORANDUM ONLY)
ASSETS				
Cash	\$9,931	\$0	\$0	\$9,931
Prepaid insurance	296	0	0	296
Fixed assets	<u>0</u>	<u>58,029</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>58,029</u>
Total assets	<u>\$10,227</u>	<u>\$58,029</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$68,256</u>
LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE				
Liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$1,844	\$0	\$0	\$1,844
Due to taxing bodies & others	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>
Total liabilities	<u>1,844</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1,844</u>
Fund equity:				
Investment in general fixed assets	0	58,029	0	58,029
Fund balance - unreserved	<u>8,383</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>8,383</u>
Total fund equity	<u>8,383</u>	<u>58,029</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>66,412</u>
Total liabilities and fund balance	<u>\$10,227</u>	<u>\$58,029</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$68,256</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE
Year ended December 31, 1998

Revenues:	
Collection fees	\$107,915
Miscellaneous income	811
Total revenues	<u>108,726</u>
Expenditures:	
General government:	
Personnel costs	76,588
Travel and meetings	2,692
Office supplies	1,782
Professional fees	3,838
Insurance	1,399
Telephone & utilities	5,859
Postage	5,717
Printing	1,415
Outside auditing services	8,002
Other	4,658
Total general government	<u>111,950</u>
Capital outlay	<u>11,282</u>
Total expenditures	<u>123,232</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(14,506)
Fund balance, beginning	<u>22,889</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$8,383</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1998

(1) Summary of significant accounting policies

The Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission (Commission), Many, Louisiana, was created on June 30, 1992 by the political subdivisions within Sabine Parish for the joint collection, enforcement, and administration of the sales and use taxes levied by these subdivisions. The Commission is managed by a Board of Commissioners composed of: two members appointed by the Sabine Parish Police Jury, two members appointed by the Sabine Parish School Board, one member appointed by the Town of Many, one member appointed by the Town of Zwolle, one member appointed by the Village of Florien, one member appointed by the Village of Pleasant Hill, and one member at large jointly appointed by the other eight commissioners.

The costs of establishing and operating the Commission are shared jointly by the taxing bodies on a pro-rata basis based on the ratio that the taxes collected for each bears to the total taxes collected.

The accounting and reporting practices of the Commission conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governmental units. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the general requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units, published by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The following is a summary of certain significant accounting policies and practices the Commission now follows:

Fund accounting - The accounts of the Commission are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. The operations of the general fund are accounted for with a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues and expenditures. 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 funds are grouped in this report into one generic fund type and one broad fund category as follows:

Governmental Fund -

 General Fund -

 The general fund is the general operating fund of the Commission. It is used to account for all financial resources of the Commission.

 The general fund is accounted for on a spending or "financial flow" measurement focus. This means that only current assets and current liabilities are generally included on its balance sheet. Its reported fund balance is considered a measure of "available spendable resources".

Account Group -

 General Fixed Assets -

 Fixed assets used in general fund operations (general fixed assets) are accounted for in the General Fixed Assets Account Group, and are recorded as expenditures in the general fund when purchased. No depreciation has been recorded on general fixed assets.

 All purchased fixed assets are valued at historical cost. Donated fixed assets are valued at their estimated fair value at the time of donation.

 This account group is not a "fund". It is concerned only with the measurement of financial position. It is not involved with measurement of results of operation.

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1998

Fiduciary Fund -

Agency Fund -

The agency fund is used to account for tax collections which are held in a trust or agency capacity by the Commission.

Basis of accounting - Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenditures 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 general fund is accounted for using a flow of current financial resources measurement focus. The accompanying general purpose financial statements have been prepared on the modified accrual basis of accounting, except for the agency fund, which is prepared on the cash basis of accounting, which approximates the modified accrual basis of accounting.

Expenditures are generally recognized under the modified accrual basis of accounting when the related fund liability is incurred.

Budget practices - The Commission prepares and adopts an annual budget, the dollar amounts being allocated to the various expenditure categories based upon the total amount of anticipated revenues. Budget appropriations lapse at the end of each year.

Total columns on combined statements - overview - Total columns on the combined statements - overview 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 is such data comparable to a consolidation. Interfund eliminations have not been made in the aggregation of this data.

(2) Pending litigation

The Commission is not involved in any litigation at December 31, 1998, other than litigation involving collection efforts.

(3) Tax collections

The Commission is authorized to collect sales and use taxes at the rates levied by the participating taxing bodies. The Commission charges a fee to the taxing bodies to fund its operations. During the year ended December 31, 1998, the Commission collected \$5,785,078 in taxes and received \$107,915 (1.87%) to fund its operations. Collections include \$21,166 of taxes, penalties and interest collected as a result of taxpayer audits performed by outside auditing firms. Contingent fees paid to the outside auditing firms amounted to \$8,002 (37.81% of related collections) and are included in the above operating fees of \$107,915.

(4) Personnel costs

The Commission's employees are paid by the Sabine Parish Police Jury and the Jury is reimbursed by the Commission for the related payroll costs, including fringe benefits.

(5) Operations

The Commission operates as a political subdivision, therefore it is exempt from income tax and is not required to file an annual income information return.

(7) Year 2000

The Commission has estimated that approximately \$2,000 will have to be expended to become year 2000 compliant. The Commission does not expect any interruption of critical services.

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
DECEMBER 31, 1998

(8) Cash

All bank deposits are fully secured through federal depository insurance.

(9) Changes in general fixed assets

During the year ended December 31, 1998 the Commission had the following changes in general fixed assets:

Balance, December 31, 1997	\$49,347
Additions-equipment	5,782
-building	5,500
Deletions-equipment	(2,600)

Balance, December 31, 1998	\$48,029
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(10) Compensation of commissioners

The commissioners received no compensation or per diem during the year ended December 31, 1998.

(11) Taxes paid under protest

During the year ended December 31, 1998 no taxes were paid under protest. There were no taxes paid under protest in prior years which remained unsettled as of December 31, 1998.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
OF INDIVIDUAL FUND
AND ACCOUNT GROUP

GENERAL FUND

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

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1998

ASSETS

Cash	\$9,931
Prepaid insurance	296
Total assets	<u>\$10,227</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Accounts payable	\$1,844
Fund balance - unreserved	<u>8,383</u>
Total fund balance	<u>\$10,227</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
GENERAL FUND
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES, AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE -
BUDGET (GAAP BASIS) AND ACTUAL
Year ended December 31, 1998

	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE FAVORABLE (UNFAVORABLE)
Revenues:			
Collection fees	\$118,561	\$107,915	(\$10,646)
Miscellaneous income	0	811	811
Total revenues	<u>118,561</u>	<u>108,726</u>	<u>(9,835)</u>
Expenditures:			
General government:			
Personnel costs	76,057	76,588	(531)
Travel and meetings	3,800	2,692	1,108
Office supplies	2,500	1,782	718
Professional fees	6,800	3,838	2,962
Insurance	2,500	1,399	1,101
Telephone & utilities	5,600	5,859	(259)
Postage	4,700	5,717	(1,017)
Printing	1,000	1,415	(415)
Outside auditing services	15,000	8,002	6,998
Other	2,604	4,658	(2,054)
Total general government	<u>120,561</u>	<u>111,950</u>	<u>8,611</u>
Capital outlay	<u>13,000</u>	<u>11,282</u>	<u>1,718</u>
Total expenditures	<u>133,561</u>	<u>123,232</u>	<u>10,329</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	(15,000)	(14,506)	494
Fund balance, beginning	<u>22,889</u>	<u>22,889</u>	<u>0</u>
Fund balance, ending	<u>\$7,889</u>	<u>\$8,383</u>	<u>\$494</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

GENERAL FIXED ASSETS ACCOUNT GROUP

To account for fixed assets used in general fund operations.

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
DECEMBER 31, 1998

General fixed assets, at cost:	
Building improvements	\$10,075
Office furniture and fixtures	47,954
	<u>58,029</u>
Total general fixed assets	\$58,029
Investment in general fixed assets:	
General fund revenues	\$57,407
Sabine Parish School Board	35
Sabine Parish Police Jury	587
	<u>58,029</u>
Total investment in general fixed assets	\$58,029

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS
Year ended December 31, 1998

Balance at beginning of year	\$49,347
Additions - equipment	5,782
- building	5,500
Deletions - equipment	<u>(2,600)</u>
Balance at end of year	\$58,029

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

FIDUCIARY FUND TYPE
AGENCY FUND

The fiduciary fund type - agency fund - is used to account for resources that a governmental unit does not own but holds in a trust or agency capacity.

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
AGENCY FUND
BALANCE SHEET
DECEMBER 31, 1998

ASSETS

Cash	\$0
Total assets	\$0

LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCE

Liabilities:	
Due to taxing bodies and others	\$0
Total liabilities	0
Fund balance - unreserved	0
Total liabilities and fund balance	\$0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

SABINE PARISH SALES AND USE TAX COMMISSION
MANY, LOUISIANA
AGENCY FUND
CHANGES IN BALANCES DUE TO TAXING BODIES AND OTHERS
Year ended December 31, 1998

BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$0
ADDITIONS - taxes paid to Tax Commission	5,785,078
REDUCTIONS:	
Distributions-	
Sabine Parish School Board	1,990,238
Sabine Parish Police Jury	1,990,230
Many	785,166
Zwolle	252,110
Converse	12,483
Florien	66,251
Pleasant Hill	29,646
Law Enforcement District	497,587
Tourist Commission	53,452
Sales Tax Commission	107,915
Total distributions	5,785,078
BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$0

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

**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
Sabine Parish Sales and
Use Tax Commission
Many, Louisiana

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, Louisiana, and the combining, individual fund, and account group financial statements of the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, Louisiana, for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated June 16, 1999. I conducted my 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 Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, Louisianas general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 provision was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered the Sabine Parish Sales and Use Tax Commission, Louisianas internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My 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 general purpose 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. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of management, Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



EUGENE W. FREMAUX II, CPA

June 16, 1999