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GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT

OF LINCOLN PARISH

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners
Greater Ward One Waterworks District
of Lincoln Parish

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Waterworks' 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 generally accepted governmental auditing standards contained in the Government Auditing Standards - Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions, 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.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements of Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish, taken as whole. The accompanying schedule of federal financial assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The information in that schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as whole.

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in material respects, the financial position of the Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish, as of December 31, 1998, and the results of its operations and the changes in financial position of its proprietary fund types for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

William Warder Ruston, Louisiana

May 3, 1999

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GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES & ACCOUNT GROUPS DECEMBER 31, 1998

		December 31, 1998	December 31,
CURRENT ASSETS			
Cash		\$274,467	\$156,377
Receivables		20,519	8,511
Accrued Receivables	į.	12,349	9,379
Prepaid expenses	₩ .:	3,481	3,797
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		310,816	178,064
RESTRICTED ASSETS			:
Bond Reserve Accounts		81,844	90,153
Customer Deposit Account		42,117	36,400
Depreciation Reserve Account		124,980	104,177
Construction Checking Account		7,610	8,979
TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS		256,551	239,709
Property, Plant, & Equipment	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,216,808	1,244.224
TOŤAL ASSETS		\$1,784,175	<u>\$1.661,997</u>
LIABILITIES A	AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY		
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Accounts payable		4,577	4.861
Payroll taxes payable		1,454	1,806
Sales taxes payable		580	661
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		6,611	7,328
Current Liabilities - from Restricted Assets:			
Customer Deposits		38,665	33.780
Accrued interest payable		49,115	7,626
Current portion of Long-Term Debt		29,185	18,000
Total liabilities - payable from Restricted Assets		116,965	59,406
Long-Term Liabilities Revenue Bonds Payable		1,047,114	1,037,148
TOTAL LIABILITIES		1,170,690	1.103.882
FUND EQUITY			
Contributed Capital		196,000	196,000
Retained carnings:			- / 1/1//////
Reserved for Debt Retirement		203,309	203.309
Unreserved		214,176	158,806
Total Retained Earnings		417,485	362.115
TOTAL FUND EQUITY		613,485	558,115
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY) ·	\$1,784.175	\$1,661.997

The accompanying notes are in integral part of this statement.

GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, & CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

			December 31, 1998	December 31, 1997
OPERATING REVENUES				
Charge for services - Water revenue		į,	\$334,715	\$291,717
Miscellaneous revenues:		¥		
Meter taps			22,765	17,590
Miscellancous			7,040	2,335
Total miscellaneous revenues			29,805	19,925
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES			364,520	311,642
OPERATING EXPENSES				
Accounting	:		2,700	2,660
Advertising				555
Audit	•		1,425	1,300
Auto allowance	•		7,550	7,530
Bank service charges	•		80	
Commissioner's Fee	•		1,860	1,740
Chemicals			1,619	1,551
Cutoff Fee			2,479	1,670
Depreciation			47,560	42,881
Dues and subscriptions			160	150
Employees			142	270
Engineering			2,785	9,794
Insurance			7,190	7,751
Insurance-Group			4,837	2,451
Insurance-Workers' Compensation			4,122	4,566
Legal			33	321
Meter Readings			3,675	3,850
Meter Taps			9,500	8,590
Miscellaneous			46	. 80
Mowing and Bush Hogging			535	2,440
Office expense			1,593	1,589
Permits			,	183
Postage			2,080	2,140
Repairs and maintenance-Lines			4,320	5,578
Repairs and maintenance-Building & Grounds			3,687	4,079
Repairs and maintenance-Wells			12,991	, , , ,
Salaries			48,750	44,603
Supplies			14.273	12,294

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GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH

COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, & CHANGES IN RETAINED EARNINGS - ALL PROPRIETARY FUND TYPES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998 (CONTINUED)

		December 31, 1998	December 31, 1997
Taxes-payroll	1 .	4,473	4,773
Taxes-sales tax		8,565	
Testing			1,249
Travel			510
Utilities and telephone		47,097	37,069
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		246,127	214,217
OPERATING INCOME		118,393	97,425
NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)			
Interest Income .		13,313	12,696
Interest Expense		(67,194)	(46,443)
Loss on Abandonment of Wells		(9,142)	
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)		(63,023)	(33,747)
NET INCOME (LOSS)		55,370	63,678
RETAINED EARNINGS, BEGINNING		362,115	298,437
RETAINED EARNINGS, ENDING		<u>\$417,485</u>	\$362,115

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - UNRESTRICTED Years Ended December 31, 1998

		December 31, 1998	December 31, 1997
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Operating Income Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to Net		\$118,393	\$97,425
Cash Provided by Operating Activities: Depreciation Changes in Working Capital:	į.	47,560	42,881
Accounts Receivable - Trade Accounts Receivable Prepaid Expense Accounts payable Payroll taxes payable Sales taxes payable		(12,008) (2,970) 316 (284) (352) (80)	6,345 (809) 1,795 (8,189) 491 (7)
NET CASH (USED BY) OPERATING ACTIVITIES	:	150,575	139,932
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES Additions to Property, Plant, & Equipment Loss on abandonment of wells	; ;	(20,144) (9,142)	(293,738)
Principal Paid on Notes Interest Paid on Notes Proceeds from New Notes Decrease (increase) in current portion of long-term debt	: !	(2,864) (67,194) 24,014 (11,185)	(17,247) (46,443) 255,986 (2,000)
NET CASH (USED BY) FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(86,515)	(103,442)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Net increase in restricted assets Net increase (decrease) in current liabilities payable from restricted assets Interest on interest-bearing activities		(16,842) 57,559 13,313	(34,623) 13,112 12,696
NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES		54,030	(8,815)
NET INCREASE IN CASH		118,090	27,675
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		156,377	128,702
CASH AT END OF YEAR		<u>\$274,467</u>	\$156,377
SUMMARY Operating account Restricted		\$274,467 256,551 \$531,018	\$156,377 239,709 \$396,086
Expenditures for interest - cash basis		<u>\$19,971</u>	\$46.504
Expenditures for taxes - cash basis		\$8,646	\$4,282

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DECEMBER 31, 1998

The accounting and reporting policies of the Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish 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 notes to the financial statements are an integral part of the Waterworks' Financial Statements.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. REPORTING ENTITY:

The Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish was organized in 1967 as a political subdivision of Lincoln Parish to provide water usage and service to the residents of Greater Ward One of Lincoln Parish.

This report includes all funds and account groups which are controlled by or dependent on the Board of Commissioners. Control by or dependence on the Board of Commissioners is determined on the basis of a budget adoption, authority to issue or secure debt financing, election or appointment of the Board of Commissioners, and other general oversight responsibilities.

B. BASIS OF PRESENTATION - FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the Greater Ward One Waterworks District are organized on the basis of funds and account groups, each of which is considered a separate accounting entity. Each fund is accounted for by a separate set of self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, fund balance, revenues, and expenditures/expenses. The individual fund accounts for the governmental resources allocated to time for the purpose of carrying on specific activities in accordance with laws, regulations, or other restrictions.

The funds presented in the financial statements are described as follows:

Proprietary Fund Types - Enterprise Fund

This fund accounts for operations that are organized to be self-supporting through user charges. This fund is established to account for operations that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent is that costs of providing goods or services to the general public on continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

C. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

All proprietary funds are accounted for using the accrual basis of accounting. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred. Interests on revenue bonds, proceeds of which are used in financing the construction of certain assets, is capitalized during the construction period net of interest on the investment of unexpended bond proceeds.

D. BUDGETARY DATA

The Waterworks District adopts an operating budget for the enterprise fund on the cash basis which is not the same basis of accounting as that used to account for the actual results of operations on the accrual basis. The following items indicate the primary differences between the budgetary basis and the GAAP basis used to account for the results of operations for the operating accounts:

- 1. Interest Income earned on restricted assets is included in the results of operations. Such amounts are not budgeted in the operating accounts.
- 2. Interest Expense on long-term debt is included in the results of operations. Such amounts are not budgeted in the operating accounts.
- 3. Depreciation Expense is not budgeted, however, expenditures for capital outlays are budgeted. These outlays have been capitalized into fixed assets and eliminated from the results of operations on a GAAP basis.

E. ASSETS, LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

1. Receivables

All receivables are reported at their gross value. The District uses the direct charge off method for uncollectible accounts rather than an allowance for such losses.

2. Restricted Assets

Enterprise Funds, based on certain bond covenants, are required to establish and maintain prescribed amounts of resources (consisting of cash and temporary investments) that can be used only to service outstanding debt.

3. Property, Plant & Equipment

Property, plant and equipment acquired for proprietary funds are capitalized. Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Where cost could not be determined from the available records, estimated historical cost was used to record the estimated value of the assets. Assets acquired by gift or bequest are recorded at their fair market value at the date of transfer.

Depreciation of exhaustible fixed assets used by proprietary funds is charged as an expense against operations, and accumulated depreciation is reported on the proprietary fund balance sheet. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight-line method of depreciation. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Equipment and Wells	- 40 Years
Improvements	- 15 Years
Building	- 25 Years
Equipment	- 5-7 Year

4. Long-Term Debt

Long-term liabilities for revenue bonds are reported in the appropriate Enterprise Fund.

5. Fund Equity

Unreserved retained earnings for proprietary funds represent the net assets available for future operations or distribution. Reserved retained earnings for proprietary funds represent the net assets that have been legally identified for specific purposes.

F. REVENUES AND EXPENSES

Revenues and expenses of proprietary funds are recognized in essentially the same manner as in commercial accounting. Some prior year balances may have been reclassified to conform with the current year presentation.

G. COMPARATIVE DATA

Comparative data for the prior year have been presented in the accompanying financial statements in order to provide an understanding of changes in the District's financial position and operations.

II. ACCUMULATED UNPAID VACATION, SICK PAY AND OTHER EMPLOYEE BENEFITS

Accumulated vacation, sick pay and other employee benefits are not material and are therefore not accrued.

I. RETIREMENT AND PENSION BENEFITS

No employer provided retirement or pension benefits are provided.

J. TOTAL COLUMNS

The Combined Financial Statements include a total column that is described as memorandum only. Data in these columns do present financial position, results of operations, and changes in financial position in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as there are not Interfund transactions to be eliminated.

2. STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE & ACCOUNTABILITY

A. COMPLIANCE WITH BOND COVENANTS

There are a number of limitations and restrictions contained in the various bond indentures. The District is in compliance with all significant limitations and restrictions.

B. DEPOSITS WITH FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

State statutes require that the District's deposits be collateralized by securities. At December 31, 1998, deposits were collateralized at Central Bank.

3. CASH AND INVESTMENTS

The District is authorized to make direct investments in United States government bonds, treasury notes, treasury bills or certificates, or time certificates of deposit of state banks organized under the laws of Louisiana and national banks having their principal office in the state of Louisiana or any other federally insured investment, or in guaranteed investment contracts issued by a financial institution having one of the two highest rating categories or in mutual or trust fund institutions which are registered with the SEC and which have underlying investments consisting solely of and limited to securities of government or its agencies.

Investments made by the District are summarized below. The investments that are represented by specific identifiable investment securities are classified as to credit risk by the category described below:

Category 1 - Insured or registered, or securities held by the District or its agent in the district's name.

Description	Category-1	Carrying <u>Value</u>	Market <u>Value</u>
Cash in Bank and Certificates of Deposit	<u>\$357,284</u>	<u>\$357,284</u>	<u>\$357,284</u>

The certificates of deposit are classified as eash on the balance sheet due to their eash equivalence.

4. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

A summary of property, plant and equipment of proprietary funds is presented below:

	Balance January 1, 1998	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 1998
Land	\$42,640			\$42,640
Tanks and wells	1,315,097	\$329,067		1,644,164
Improvements - contributed	30,000			30,000
Building & equipment	74,186	:		74,186
Construction in progress	303,520	25,547	(\$329,067)	0
Subtotal	1,765,443	354,614	(329,067)	1,790,990
Less accumulated depreciation	(521,219)	(47,505)		(568,724)
Total	\$1,244,224	\$307,109	(\$329,067)	\$1,222,266

5. LONG-TERM DEBT

The following is a summary of the District's long-term debt transactions for the year ended December 31, 1998:

	Water Revenue Bond
Debt Outstanding at January 1, 1998	\$1,055,148
Revenue Bond Proceeds	24,014
Repayments	(2,864)
Debt Outstanding at December 31, 1998	<u>\$1,076,298</u>

Revenue bonds payable at December 31, 1998, are comprised of the following individual issues:

	Outstanding <u>12/31/98</u>
Water Revenue Bonds \$175,200 1979 Water Revenue Bonds dated 3-22-79, due in annual installments of \$2,200 to \$5,000 through January 1,	
2008, interest at 5%.	\$129,000

	Outstanding <u>12/31/98</u>
\$131,000 1982 Water Revenue Bonds dated 4-7-82, due in annual installments of \$3,000 to \$9,000 through January 1, 2007, interest at 5%.	69,000
\$648,000 1989 Water Revenue Bonds dated 7-28-89, due in annual installments of \$43,351 through January 1, 2029, interest at 6%	601,162
\$280,000 1997 Water Revenue Bonds dated 4-1-97, due in annual installments of \$6,554 to \$1,456 through March 20, 2037, interest at 5.5%	277,136
Total	\$1,076,298

The annual requirements to amortize all bonded debt outstanding as of December 31, 1998 including interest payments of \$96,978 are as follows:

1999	\$80,200
2000	81,223
2001	80,673
2002	80,123
2003	79,000
Thereafter	852,257
Total	\$1,173,276

All outstanding revenue bonds are secured by a first lien on net revenues earned by Enterprise Funds. Net revenues are defined in the revenue bond agreement.

6. FLOW OF FUNDS: RESTRICTIONS ON USE - UTILITIES REVENUES

Water Revenue Bonds Under the terms of the bond indenture on outstanding Water Revenue Bonds, all income and revenues (hereinafter referred to as revenue) of every nature, earned or derived from operation 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:

All of the revenue earned by the District from the operation of the waterworks system (the "System"), must be deposited Monies in the Waterworks Revenue Fund. Monies in the Waterworks Revenue Fund shall be first used for the payment of all reasonable and necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the System, and all payments required in connection with the outstanding Revenue Note payable from the revenues of the System.

Each month, there will be set aside into a "Bond and Interest Sinking Fund" an amount constituting 1/12 of the next maturing installment of principal and interest on the outstanding bonds. Such transfers shall be fully sufficient to assure the prompt payment of principal and interest installments as they become due, and may be used only for such payments.

There shall also be set aside into a "Reserve Fund" an amount equal to 5% of the amount to be paid into the "Sinking Fund", until there is on deposit an amount equal to \$63,801. This amount represents the maximum principal and interest requirements in any one maturity year.

Funds will also be set aside into a "Depreciation Fund" at the rate of \$368 per month.

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

7. FUND EQUITY

Reserve of Retained Earnings

Reservations of retained earnings of Enterprise Funds are created by increases in assets restricted for debt service. These increases result from earnings on restricted assets and other interfund transfers to restricted accounts. Earnings on restricted assets are included in net income of the Enterprise Funds. When reserved retained earnings are increased there is an equal reduction to the portion of retained earnings that is unreserved.

Reserve for debt service was created in conjunction with the issuance of revenue bonds and is funded by initial deposits from the proceeds of such bonds and by transfers from the revenue accounts based deposits on assets held by the Enterprise Funds that are restricted for debt service. The purpose of the reserved retained earnings is to service the revenue bonds.

8. SUMMARY DISCLOSURE OF SIGNIFICANT CONTINGENCIES

Litigation

There are no pending or threatened litigation at this time as advised by the District's attorney.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTION

During the year ended December 31, 1998, Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish paid a total of \$13,820 to TEF Dirtworks, which is owned by Tom Frazier, an employee of the district.

10. OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

The commissioners are appointed by the Lincoln Parish Police Jury. Police Jury, based upon recommendations by the water district. The water district is a chartered political subdivision of the State of Louisiana which operates independent of the Lincoln Parish Police Jury aside from the selection of commissioners.

1998 Board of Commissioners and per diem payments received are as follows:

Butler Hampton - President .	Expires	January 23, 2001	. \$360
F. J. Armond - V. Pres.	Expires	September 23,2002	\$360
Reagan Pylant	Expires	August 22, 2000	\$360
Herbert Farmer	Expires	January 9, 1999	\$360
Mike Haddox	Expires	September 24, 2001	<u>\$240</u>
Total			<u>\$1,680</u>

GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH SCHEDULE OF CHANGES IN ASSETS RESTRICTED FOR REVENUE BOND DEBT SERVICE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

		BOND AND		
		INTEREST	RESERVE	
		REDEMPTION	<u>FUNDS</u>	TOTAL
Balance, 1/1/98		\$8,308	\$81,844	\$90,152
RECEIPTS	•			
Transfer from operating		62,029		62,029
Interest earned		549		549
Total cash receipts		62,578	0	62,578
Total available	i	70,886	81,844	152,730
DISBURSEMENTS	:			
Transfers to Reserve	<u>:</u>	(63,276)		(63,276)
Payment of principal and interest	<u>;</u>			0
Total disbursements	:	(63,276)	0_	(63,276)
Balance, 12/31/98		\$7,610	<u>\$81,844</u>	<u>\$216,006</u>

GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH SCHEDULE OF INSURANCE IN FORCE DECEMBER 31, 1998

Right-of-Way Bond

Agent: Williams

Insurer: Commercial Union

Policy No.: CE7125841

Coverage

\$ 4,000

Effective Date : 5-31,98

Date Expires : 5-31-99

Annual Premium: \$60

Property Insured Right-of-ways

General and Commercial Liability Coverage

Agent: Broussard, Bush &

Hurst

Insurer: Reliance

Policy No.: AEK490598

Effective Date : 9-28-98

: 9-28-99

Annual Premium: \$4,745

Coverage \$2,000,000

\$1,000,000 Limit

927,500

100,000

50,000

Property Insured General Liability

Date Expires

Boiler & Machinery, Mechanical Breakdown

Plant and Equipment Damage

Employee Dishonesty

Employee Dishonesty, Hartford Supplement

Public Officials Liability Policy

Agent

: Go Pro Underwriting

Insurer : Scottsdale Ins. Co.

Policy No.: PO-584189

Effective Date: 9-28-98

Date Expires: 9-28-99

Annual Premium: \$1,249

Coverage

Insured

\$1,000,000

Board Errors & Omissions

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AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Board of Commissioners
Greater Ward One Waterworks District
of Lincoln Parish

I have audited the financial statements of Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish, for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated May 3, 1999. My audit of such financial statements was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and the standards for financial and compliance audits contained in the Standards for Audit of Governmental Organizations, Programs, Activities, and Functions, issued by the U.S. General Accounting Office, and accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as I considered necessary in the circumstances.

My audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Federal Financial Assistance is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The information in that schedule has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in my opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

William (Edwards) Ruston, Louisiana

May 3, 1999

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GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1998

GRANTOR/PROGRAM TITLE	Loan Number	Loan Balance 12-31-98
OTHER FEDERAL ASSISTANCE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE GUARANTEED LOANS	•	
Farmers Home Administration	91.03	\$129,000
Farmers Home Administration	91.05	69,000
Farmers Home Administration	91.06	601,162
Farmers Home Administration	91.07	277,136
Total Federal Assistance		\$1,076,298

GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH NOTES TO SCHEDULE OF FEDERAL FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE DECEMBER 31, 1998

1. SCOPE OF AUDIT PURSUANT TO OMB CIRCULAR A-133

All Federal assistance of the Greater Ward One Waterworks are included in the scope of the OMB Circular A-133 audit (the "single audit").

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The accompanying schedule of federal financial assistance has been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

3. LOAN BALANCES

The loan balance represents the outstanding amount of federal guaranteed loans as of December 31, 1998.

4. FINDINGS OF NONCOMPLIANCE

There were no Noncompliance or Internal Control Findings.

WILLIAM D. EDWARDS

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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

To the Board of Commissioners
Greater Ward One Waterworks District
of Lincoln Parish

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish as of and for the year ended December 31, 1998, and have issued my report thereon dated May 3, 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 Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish's 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 provisions 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 Compliance

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, I noted a certain matter involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be a reportable condition. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to my attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in my judgment, could adversely affect Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the general purpose financial statements. The reportable condition is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 98-1.

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105 Reynolds Drive - Suite A Ruston, Louisiana 71270 318-251-2196 - FAX: 318-251-0410 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. My 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, I believe none of the reportable conditions described above is a material weakness.

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

William Walumon
Ruston, Louisiana

May 3, 1999

GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

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A. Summary of Audit Results

1.	Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements	
Int	ernal Control Material Weaknesses Yes <u>X</u> No Reportable Yes <u>X</u> No	
Со	mpliance Compliance Material to Financial Statements <u>X</u> Yes <u>No</u>	
2.	Federal Awards	
	Internal Control Material Weaknesses Yes X No Reportable Yes X No	
	Type of Opinion On Compliance Unqualified X Qualified For Major Programs Disclaimer Adverse	
	Are their findings required to be reported in accordance with Circular A-133, Section .510(a)? Yes _X No	
3.	Identification of Major Programs:	
	CFDA Number(s) Name of Federal Program (or Cluster)	
	N/A	
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Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B Programs: \$300,000 | \$300,000 | Is the audited a "low-risk" audited, as defined by OMB Circular A-133? ____ Yes _X_ No

B. Financial Statements Findings

98-1. During the year ended December 31, 1998, the district paid a total of \$13,820 to TEF Dirtworks which is owned by Tom Frazier, an employee of the district.

Recommendation: I recommend that the district and its employees comply with Louisiana law.

Response:

The district will contract all labor through another local contractor until other

arrangements can be made.

C. Federal Award Findings and Questioned Costs

None

GREATER WARD ONE WATERWORKS DISTRICT OF LINCOLN PARISH SUMMARY OF PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

A. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

97-1. Limited number of available personnel for segregation of duties.

Recommendation: The district should implement compensating controls and other means to negate this inherent risk.

Conclusion:

Resolved - The district has implemented several controls such as obtaining an outside accountant to post disbursements and receipts and prepare bank reconciliations to decrease the risk involved from a lack of segregation of duties.

B. INTERNAL CONTROL AND COMPLIANCE MATERIAL TO FEDERAL AWARDS

None

C. MANAGEMENT LETTER

None

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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN For the Year Ended December 31, 1998

Greater Ward One Waterworks District of Lincoln Parish hereby submits the following corrective action plan regarding the finding in the audit for the year ending December 31, 1998.

98-1. See Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs - Section B