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MONROE, LOUISIANA

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

AUGUST 31, 2007

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# INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Board of Directors Greater Ouachita Water Company Monroe, Louisiana 71201

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial position of the Greater Ouachita Water Company (a nonprofit organization) as of August 31, 2007, and the related statement of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the year then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Organization's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, and 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 financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures the in 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 financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Greater Ouachita Water Company, as of August 31, 2007, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements of Greater Ouachita Water Company taken as a whole. The accompanying financial information listed as supplementary financial information in the table of contents for the year ended

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August 31, 2007, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements taken as a whole.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated December 14, 2007 on our consideration of Greater Ouachita Water Company's internal control structure and its compliance with laws, regulations, and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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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 Directors Greater Ouachita Water Company Monroe, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Greater Ouachita Water Company (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended August 31, 2007, and have issued our report thereon dated December 14, 2007. We conducted our audit in accordance with accounting standards generally accepted in the United States of America 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 Ouachita Water Company's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance which could have a with 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 Greater Ouachita Water Company's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Organization's internal control over financial reporting.

A control deficiency exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis. A significant deficiency is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, that adversely affects the organization's ability to initiate, authorize, record, process, or report financial data reliably in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles such that there is more than remote likelihood that a misstatement of the organization's a financial statements that is more than inconsequential will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control.

A material weakness is a significant deficiency, or combination of significant deficiencies, that results in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the financial statements will not be prevented or detected by the organization's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and would not necessarily identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider to be material weaknesses, as defined above.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, Board of Trustees, and federal awarding agencies and pass-through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AUGUST 31, 2007 ASSETS PLANT AND EQUIPMENT Cost of Systems 36,936,223 Accumulated Depreciation (12,073,730)NET PLANT AND EQUIPMENT 24,862,493 INVESTMENTS - CURRENT Revenue Fund Interest Fund 279,688 Reserve Fund 260,000 Renewals, Replacements and Extensions Fund 98,500 Sinking Fund 320,000 Series 2003 Bonds Fund 32,700 TOTAL INVESTMENTS - CURRENT 990,888 CURRENT ASSETS General Fund Cash 234,831 1,179,062 Accounts Receivable - Customers (Net) Prepaid Expense 36,747 TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS 1,450,640 DEFERRED CHARGES Unamortized Bond Issue Expense (Note B) 94,917 TOTAL DEFERRED CHARGES 94,917 TOTAL ASSETS 27,398,938

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COM STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION ( AUGUST 31, 2007				
LIABILITIES				
LONG-TERM DEBT (NOTE D)				
Bonds Payable - Series 1994A	955,000			
Bonds Payable ~ Series 97A&B	2,730,000			
Bonds Payable - Series 2003 Less: Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	8,830,000			
Less: Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	$(\underline{320,000})$			
TOTAL LONG-TERM DEBT		12,195,000		
FUNDED LIABILITIES				
Interest Payable	279,688			
TOTAL FUNDED LIABILITIES		279,688		
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts Payable - Trade	804,887			
Accounts Payable - West Ouachita Sewer	278,695			
Accounts Payable - Other Sewer	45,698			
Current Maturities of Long-Term Debt	320,000			
Payroll Taxes Payable	795			
Sales Taxes Payable	1,943			
Accrued Insurance	19,382			
Line of Credit - JP Morgan Chase	3,125,086			
Accrued Interest on Line of Credit	18,673			
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		4,615,159		
DEFERRED LIABILITIES				
Customer Meter Deposits	537,191			
TOTAL DEFERRED LIABILITIES		537,191		
TOTAL LIABILITIES		17,627,038		
NET ASSETS				
NET ASSETS (SURPLUS)		9,771,900		
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		27,398,938		
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STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES	0007	
FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31,	2007	
OPERATING REVENUE		
Charges for Services	5,703,138	
Forfeited Discounts	105,674	
Reconnect Charges	96,270	
Sewer Inspection Fees	530	
Water Service Charges	86,675	[
Tapping Fees	148,530	
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		6,140,817
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE		0,140,017
COST OF SALES		
Water Purchased	738,239	
Water and Sewer Taps	143,378	
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TOTAL COST OF SALES		881,617
GROSS PROFIT		5,259,200
FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES		
Operating Expenses	5,098,134	
Administrative Expenses	314,200	
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES		5,412,334
NET OPERATING PROFIT (LOSS)		( 153,134)
OTHER REVENUES		

Interest			
Sewer Maintena	ance Ag	greeme	ent
Safe Drinking	Water	Fees	Program
Damage Claims			
Miscellaneous			

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TOTAL OTHER REVENUES198,044NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN NET ASSETS44,910NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR9,726,990NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR9,771,900

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

	ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	OPERATING EXPENSES	TOTAL
Operating Contract	-	1,736,666	1,736,666
Power	-	686,253	686,253
Maintenance	-	584,873	584,873
Chemicals	-	41,051	41,051
Testing	-	29,414	•
Water Used in Sewer Plant	-	5,712	•
Service and Franchise Fees	-	19,602	19,602
Right of Way	-	32,700	32,700
Accounting	14,684	-	14,684
Advertising		-	- 0 -
Bank Charges	10,775	-	10,775
Dues and Subscriptions	671	-	671
Engineering Fees	-	7,425	7,425
Inspection and Supervision Fee	8,537	-	8,537
Insurance	57,688	-	57,688
Interest	-	643,247	643,247
Legal and Administrative	106,635	-	106,635
Miscellaneous	9,010	-	9,010
Office Expenses	6,110	-	6,110
Postage	7,982	-	7,982
Rent	1,080	-	1,080
Salaries	62,370	-	62,370
Taxes and Licenses	5,035	13,502	18,537
Telephone	4,735	-	4,735
Travel	88	-	88
Trustee Fees	4,400	-	4,400
Provisions for Bad Debts	-	79,298	79,298
Pension Expense	14,400	-	14,400
Amortization	-	18,825	18,825
Depreciation		1,199,566	•
TOTAL FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES	<u>314,200</u>	<u>5,098,134</u>	<u>5,412,334</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS AUGUST 31, 2007

CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Increase (Decrease) in Net Assets		44,910
Noncash Items Included in Net Income		/
Amortization of Bond Issue Expense		18,825
Depreciation		1,199,566
Changes in:		-, 200,000
Accounts Receivable	20,291	
Prepaid Expenses	15,653	
Interest Payable	10,711	
Accounts Payable - Trade	371,892	
Accounts Payable - Sewers	17,927	
Payroll Taxes	( 696)	
Sales Taxes	( 1,015)	
Accrued Insurance	19,382	
Total Adjustments		454,145
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED BY)		
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		1,717,446
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CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Plant and Equipment	(5,152,714)	
Investments in Special Funds	582,749	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED BY)		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES		(4,569,965)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Customer Meter Deposits	24,581	
Redemption of Bonds Payable	( 305,000)	
Proceeds from Line of Credit	3,125,086	
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED BY)		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES		2,844,667
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH		(7,852)
CASH AT BEGINNING OF YEAR		242,683
CASH AT END OF YEAR		<u>234,831</u>
Interest Paid During the Year was \$632,536		
Income Taxes Paid During the Year were \$-0-		
The accompanying notes are an integral part of thes	se financial sta	tements.

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#### NOTE A - HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION

The Greater Ouachita Water Company was incorporated May 29, 1963, under the laws of the State of Louisiana, as a The nonprofit organization. Company was organized to consolidate various water companies operating in Ouachita Parish (Ouachita Parish Police Jury), а political subdivision of the State of Louisiana, into a single company in order to provide better service to the area residents.

By a contract dated June 12, 1963, between the Greater Ouachita Water Company and the Parish of Ouachita, the Company agreed to acquire and construct a waterworks, sewerage and natural gas system within the Parish. Under terms of the contract, the Parish recognizes the Company's title to the system until all indebtedness of the Company, together with accrued interest thereon, incurred by the Company in the financing of the purchase, extension and improvement of the Company is paid in full. When all such indebtedness of the Company is paid in full, all rights, title and interest of the Company and the system shall vest in the Parish.

An indenture of Mortgage, dated September 1, 1964, was made by and between the Greater Ouachita Water Company and the First National Bank of Commerce in New Orleans, now J.P. Morgan, a national banking association having an office in New Orleans, Louisiana, as trustee. Supplemental Indentures of Mortgage have been made covering additions to the system.

Revenue bonds were issued in five series. Proceeds of the first series (Series 1964) were received on September 23, 1964, and the first purchase of systems was made. Proceeds of the second series (Series 1965) were received on April 12, 1965, and additional properties were added to the system. Proceeds of the third series (Series 1994A) were received on March 16, 1994, and of the fourth series (Series 97A&B) were received on December 11, 1997. Proceeds of the fifth series (Series 2003) were received on August 7, 2003.

The Company began operations September 28, 1964. It has an agreement with M-N Utilities, Inc., West Monroe, Louisiana to operate the system. Johnny D. Nichols, West Monroe, Louisiana, is the president of M-N Utilities, Inc.

## NOTE A - HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION (Continued)

Officers and directors of the Company and salaries paid to them as officers during the period under review were:

W. D. Carter, Chairman of the Board	20,790
Robert E. Bentz, President	16,892
Wood T. Sparks, Secretary-Treasurer	19,491

## <u>Total</u> <u>57,173</u>

## NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

## Method of Accounting

The Company uses the accrual method of accounting.

#### Depreciation

Depreciation was computed using the straight-line method in amounts sufficient to amortize the cost of the depreciable assets over their estimated useful lives. The estimated useful lives used in computing depreciation are:

Cost of System25 to 50 YearsVarious Equipment5 to 20 Years

#### Special Funds

The Indentures of Mortgage requires the Company twice each month to transfer from the general or operating bank accounts all monies in excess of a minimum amount that is shown by the annual budget to be necessary for operating expenses for the current fiscal year to the Trustee for credit to the Revenue Fund.

Monies received in the Revenue Fund are in turn transferred to other funds in the following order:

 Interest Fund until at least six months' interest on all outstanding bonds is accumulated or restored. On August 31, 2007, the balance in the Interest Fund was \$279,688. Interest payable at August 31, 2007 was \$279,688.

## NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

- Reserve Fund until an amount equal to 100% of the maximum annual interest requirements on all outstanding bonds is accumulated or restored. On August 31, 2007, the balance in the Reserve Fund was \$260,000.
- 3. Renewals, Replacements and Extensions Fund until \$250,000 is accumulated or restored. During the period under review, additions and expenditures made to and from this fund for improvements to the system resulted in a balance of \$98,500.
- 4. Sinking Fund, an amount beginning September 15, 1998, which when multiplied by the number of such monthly deposits to be made during the next twelve month period will equal the annual requirement for that year. To date, adequate deposits have been made and the requirements of the Indenture of Mortgage have been met as shown below:

Due Date	Amount Due
August 15, 1969 - 2006	4,450,000
August 15, 2007	320,000

Total

4,770,000

The annual amount due on August 15, 2008 will be \$320,000.

5. Mandatory Retirement Fund, all remaining monies. On August 23 of each year, beginning August 25, 1969, all monies in the Sinking Fund will be transferred to this fund. At August 31, 2007, this transfer had not been made, and there was no balance in this fund.

## Deferred Charges and Amortization

Discounts on bonds issued by the Company are being amortized over the term of the bonds. Shown below is an analysis of unamortized bond discounts.

Costs of issuing bonds are being amortized over the term of the bonds:

#### NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Deferred Charges and Amortization (Continued)

Total Cost at August 31, 2006327,116Less: Prior Year Amortization(213,374)Less: Current Year Amortization(18,825)Total Amortization(232,199)

Balance at August 31, 2007 \_\_\_\_\_94,917

## Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

## Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable are reported net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$5,787. Management believes that accounts receivable are substantially collectible and requires customers to provide meter deposits. Accounts are reviewed monthly, and management determines which accounts are not collectible. Accounts receivable also includes unbilled revenues of \$543,121, which consist of revenues earned but not billed.

#### Use of Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing the financial statements. These estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

## Income Taxes

The Company, a nonprofit corporation, is exempt from federal and state income taxes under Internal Revenue Code 501(a). Accordingly, no provision for income taxes has been made in the financial statements.

## NOTE B - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

#### Advertising Expenses

The Company expenses advertising costs as they are incurred. Advertising expenses for the year ended August 31, 2007 were immaterial.

#### NOTE C - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

Plant and equipment is stated at the acquisition costs of the assets of the company, with the exception of the systems of Lakeview Utilities, Inc., North Louisiana Production Corporation, and B & W Utilities, Inc., which were contributed by their owners and are stated at their appraised value. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations currently and major renewals and betterments are capitalized. Additions to the system during the year ended August 31, 2007, totaled \$5,152,714. Shown below is an analysis of the cost of the system by expenditures from various funds:

	Balance	During	Balance
Bond Proceeds Series 1964	08/31/06	Year	08/31/07
	1,922,208	-	1,922,208
Bond Proceeds Series 1965	907,211	-	907,211
General Fund	16,506,093	4,616,723	21,122,816
Renewals, Replacements			
and Extensions Fund	3,272,892	-	3,272,892
Improvements Fund	5,477,614	535,991	6,013,605
Revenue Fund	35,016	, _	35,016
1994A Fund	1,670,072	-	1,670,072
97A&B Fund			_, _, _, _, _
Contributions	1,911,211	-	1,911,211
Lakeview Utilities, Inc.			
Water and Sewer System	196,000	_	196,000
North Louisiana Production Corp.			
Water System	71,800	-	71,800
B & W Utilities, Inc.			
Water System	44,658		44,658
	32,014,775	5,152,714	37,167,489
Less: Retirements			
Gas System Transferred	$(\underline{231,266})$	<del>_</del> _	$(\underline{231,266})$
Total	<u>31,783,509</u>	<u>5,152,714</u>	<u>36,936,223</u>

#### NOTE C - PLANT AND EQUIPMENT (Continued)

The details of plant and equipment are as follows:

Water Mains and Extensions 16,727,070 Water Service Lines 1,283,168 Water Meters 810,069 Water Wells 6,672,806 Water Chlorine Equipment 141,888 Meter Stations 170,637 Sewer 9,857,892 Other Equipment 189,138 Land 1,083,555

36,936,223

Total

#### NOTE D - LONG-TERM DEBT

The Company originally issued bonds known as "Waterworks and Natural Gas System Revenue Bonds" in two series. Series 1964 bonds totaled \$2,270,000 and were issued September 1, 1964. They were paid off as of September 1, 1999. Series 1965 bonds totaled \$1,050,000 and were issued March 1, 1965. They were paid off as of September 1, 1999.

On March 16, 1994, the Company issued bonds known as "Greater Ouachita Water Company Waterworks and Natural Gas System bonds, Series 1994A" in the amount of \$2,000,000. Interest is paid semi-annually on March 1 and September 1. The interest rate is 6.25% through December 10, 1997, and thereafter shall bear interest at the rate determined by the Trustee on March 1, 2000, by adding 400 basis points to the five-year constant maturity treasury and multiplying such amount by the remainder of one minus the corporate tax rate applicable to Central Bank, now J. P. Morgan, Monroe, Louisiana on such date. Principal shall be payable annually on September 1 in each year commencing September 1, 1995.

On December 11, 1997, the Company issued bonds known as "Waterworks and Natural Gas Revenue Bonds of the Greater Ouachita Water Company Series 1997" in the amount of \$3,500,000. Interest is paid semi-annually on March 1 and September 1. The interest rate shall begin at 5.675%.

#### NOTE D - LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

On August 7, 2003, the Company issued bonds known as "Waterworks and Natural Gas System Revenue Bonds Series 2003" in the amount of \$9,000,000. Interest is paid semi-annually on March 1 and September 1. The interest rate shall begin at 3.950%.

During the year ended August 31, 2007, \$305,000 in bonds were redeemed, bringing the total of all bonds redeemed to \$5,290,000. The balance of bonds outstanding at August 31, 2007 was \$12,515,000.

On December 8, 2006, the Company opened a line of credit with Chase Bank. This line of credit is unsecured with interest at Chase Prime less 1.25%. This line of credit was obtained to fund system improvements until new bonds are issued in 2008. The balance at August 31, 2007 was \$3,125,086.

Principal payments for the next five years are as follows:

Year Ended	
August 31	Amount
2008	320,000
2009	335,000
2010	510,000
2011	535,000
2012	590,000

The fair value of the long-term debt is estimated based on the current rates offered to the Company for debt of the same remaining maturities. At August 31, 2007, the fair value of the long-term debt approximates the amounts recorded in the financial statements.

## NOTE E - LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

On or about March 16, 1990, the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LaDEQ) issued Compliance Order No. WC-90-014 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto,

#### NOTE E - LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (Continued)

and/or specified provisions of permits at the following facilities in Ouachita Parish, Louisiana: Audubon Park, Bayou Oaks, Belle Meade/Timberwood, Eastwood Estates, Garden Park, Huntington Park, Lakeview Park, Leisure Village, Lincoln Park, Pecan Bayou/Treasure Island, Royal Pines, and Shenandoah. In response thereto, Greater Ouachita Water Company made a request for hearing, which was granted.

On or about April 5, 1990, LaDEQ issued Proposed Penalty Notice WP-90-013 in the amount of \$6,000 to Greater Ouachita Water Company with regard to the alleged violations set forth in Compliance Order WC-90-014. In response thereto, Greater Ouachita Water Company made a timely request for a hearing, which was granted.

Greater Ouachita Water Company denied that it committed any of the violations alleged and further denied that it is liable for any fines, forfeitures, and/or penalties under Louisiana law, as alleged in Proposed Penalty Notice WP-90-013 and Compliance Order No. WC-90-014. Nonetheless, Greater Ouachita Water Company, without making any admission of liability under state or federal statute or regulation paid the total amount of the assessed penalty in the amount of \$6,000 in total settlement for the claims set forth in Compliance Order WC-90-014 and described in this Settlement Agreement and Penalty Notice WP-90-013, and those which could have been alleged subsequently with regard to Greater Ouachita Water Company's facilities.

On or about October 31, 2000, LaDEQ issued Consolidated Compliance Order and Notice of Potential Penalty No. WE-CN-00-0229 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Lake Park subdivision facility. Greater Ouachita Water Company did not file a request for hearing to contest the allegations of same, but did timely submit written comments concerning the alleged violations, the corrective or remedial actions taken to mitigate any damages resulting from the alleged violations, and to demonstrate why the assessment of a penalty would be inappropriate in that case.

#### NOTE E - LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (Continued)

On or about October 31, 2000, LaDEQ issued Consolidated Compliance Order and Notice of Potential Penalty No. WE-CN-00-0254 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Frenchman's Bend facility. Greater Ouachita Water Company timely filed a request for hearing, which was granted and has been docketed as number 2002-6921-EQ at the Division of Administrative Law.

On or about November 2, 2000, LaDEQ issued Compliance Order No. WE-C-00-0233 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Wagon Wheel Road subdivision facility. Greater Ouachita Water Company timely filed a request for hearing, which was granted and has been docketed as number 2002-6920-EQ at the Division of Administrative Law.

On or about December 11, 2001, LaDEQ issued Compliance Order No. WE-C-00-0236 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Northeast Regional facility. Greater Ouachita Water Company timely filed a request for hearing; the time limit for LaDEQ to grant the hearing has been extended pursuant to an Agreement to Enter into a Dispute Resolution Discussion. On June 29, 2004, LaDEQ issued Amended Compliance Order WE-C-00-0236A, deleting many of Greater Ouachita Water Company's objections to the original order. Greater Ouachita Water Company has timely filed a hearing request to address remaining issues.

On or about April 4, 2002, LaDEQ issued Compliance Order No. WE-C-01-0109 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Pecan Bayou/Treasure Island facility. Greater Ouachita Water Company timely filed a request for hearing; the time limit for LaDEQ to grant the hearing has been extended pursuant to an Agreement to Enter into a Dispute Resolution Discussion.

#### NOTE E - LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (Continued)

On or about September 20, 2002, LaDEQ issued Warning Letter, Enforcement Tracking No. WE-L-02-0945 to the Ouachita Parish Police Jury in which the agency alleged certain violations Louisiana Water Control of the Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Northwood Estates Sewer Treatment Plant, a facility owned by Greater Ouachita Water Company, but operated by the Ouachita Parish Police Jury. Greater Ouachita Water Company took over operations of the facility in January 2004.

On or about September 20, 2002, LaDEQ issued Warning Letter, Enforcement Tracking No. WE-L-02-0987 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Thatcher Pointe Subdivision facility. On December 5, 2002, Greater Ouachita Water Company filed a thereto, response noting that the Thatcher Pointe Subdivision facility is a new plant and Greater Ouachita Water Company had been and continued to work with Delta Process Equipment, the sewer treatment plant manufacturing representative, to define the appropriate operating parameters.

On or about January 21, 2004, LaDEQ issued Warning Letter, Enforcement Tracking No. WE-L-04-0046 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Pecan Bayou/Treasure Island facility.

On or about June 15, 2004, LaDEQ issued Compliance Order No. WE-C-04-0338 to Greater Ouachita Water Company in which the agency alleged certain violations of the Louisiana Water Control Law, the regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, and/or specified provisions of the permit at the Northwood Oxidation facility. Greater Ouachita Water Company timely filed a request for hearing.

## NOTE E - LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (Continued)

In response to the above compliance orders and/or notices of proposed penalty, Greater Ouachita Water Company constructed substantial cost two regional sewerage treatment at а facilities, commonly referred to as the Northeast Regional Facility and the Southeast Regional Facility, to treat sewage from the following facilities: Audubon Park, Bayou Oaks, Belle Meade/Timberwood, Eastwood Estates, Garden Park, Huntington Park, Lakeview Park, Lincoln Park, Shenandoah Estates, Southeast Sewer District, and other smaller local sewer systems. In addition, Greater Ouachita Water Company closed the Royal Pines facility and routed the sewage generated there to the West Ouachita Parish Sewer District No. 5.

Greater Ouachita Water Company is now in the process of constructing a third regional facility, known as the Highway 165 Regional facility, to treat sewerage from the following facilities: Pecan Bayou, Treasure Island, Leisure Village, Frenchmen's Bend, Lake Park Subdivision, and Thatcher Plantation Subdivision, after which these facilities will be closed. In addition, this regional facility will provide capacity for expected population growth and increased sewer in Ouachita Parish, treatment needs Louisiana. Greater Ouachita Water Company expects the new plant to be completed and lines from the facilities scheduled for closure to be installed and connected to the regional facility by early 2008.

The Company has requested hearings on the orders, as indicated above, and believes that it has made good faith efforts to meet its obligations with LaDEQ within the confines of its available rate structure and has been actively contesting the orders. However, in recognition of the cost and risk of litigation, but without making any admission of liability under state or federal statue or regulation, Greater Ouachita Water Company has offered to pay a penalty in the amount of \$20,000 in settlement of all enforcement matters identified above. LaDEQ rejected the offer, but has not yet made a counteroffer.

## NOTE F - REGULATORY COMPLIANCE - WATER

Several of the existing ground water wells providing potable water to customers are currently not in compliance with the contaminant limitations set by the EPA relative to total trihalomethanes (TTHMS) and/or halo acetic acids (HAA5). These contaminant regulations are promulgated under 40 CFR Part 141, National Primary Drinking Water Regulations, Subpart L, Stage 1 Disinfectant and Disinfection Byproducts Rule. The majority of wells in the State of Louisiana are not yet in compliance with these regulations due to the highly technical, costly, and yet to be proved required for control of these disinfection byproducts. GOWC has hired the consulting firm of S. Ε. Huey to perform a detailed study and determine a solution to this existing state of non-compliance.

The engineering study was completed in mid-2006. The Company has authorized S. E. Huey to implement the recommendations and work is already underway to purchase pressure filters additional tanks and other equipment to make the necessary improvements to control disinfection byproducts and take the color out of the water. It is anticipated that all systems will be in compliance by the end of 2007 or early 2008.

## NOTE G - APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR RATE INCREASE

The Company applied to the Louisiana Public Service Commission for a water and sewer rate increase to eliminate its loss for 2001 and fund additional improvements to its water and sewer systems.

The Commission granted the rate increase in part and in phases on February 22, 2002. The first phase went into effect in March 2002. The second phase went into effect in 2005. The Commission also approved the Company's request to issue up to \$16,000,000 in new bonds to fund improvements to its water and sewer systems and construct additional sewer facilities to comply with DEQ permit requirements.

## NOTE G - APPLICATION TO THE LOUISIANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION FOR RATE INCREASE (Continued)

The Company issued its Series 2003 bonds on August 7, 2003 in the amount of \$9,000,000. The proceeds were used to payoff the Company's line of credit at Bank One, now Chase Bank, in the amount of \$3,147,901. The remaining proceeds were used to pay costs of issuance and will fund capital improvements to the Company's water and sewer systems. The rate increase granted in March 2002 allowed the Company to eliminate its loss and will provide sufficient revenues to amortize the new bond issue with adequate bond coverage ratios. The Company plans to issue additional bonds in 2008 not to exceed \$9,000,000 to fund additional capital improvements to its water and sewer systems. The second phase rate increase and the final phase should produce sufficient revenues to amortize these additional bonds with adequate bond coverage ratios.

## NOTE H - PENSION PLAN

A money purchase pension plan was put into effect on September 1, 1995. All employees of the Company are eligible. The Company will contribute on the behalf of each participant 25% of the participant's compensation. The amount contributed during the year ended August 31, 2007 was \$14,400.

## NOTE I - LAWSUITS

The Company is involved in various lawsuits incurred by operating in the normal course of business. The outcomes of these lawsuits are not expected to be material.

## NOTE J - CONCENTRATION OF RISK

The Company maintains its cash balances at institutions which are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$100,000. At August 31, 2007, Company's uninsured cash balance was \$122,190.

#### NOTE J - CONCENTRATION OF RISK (Continued)

Concentration of credit risk with respect to water and sewer billing receivables are limited due to the large number of customers and small balances. The risk is minimized further by customer meter deposits.

## NOTE K - RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The following related party transactions were incurred in the normal course of business:

R. E. Bentz, Inc., partially owned by Robert E. Bentz, director, earned \$9,537 for maintenance on the water and sewer system. At August 31, 2007, \$527 was accrued and payable for maintenance services.

Dean Morris, LLP, (of which Wood T. Sparks is Of Counsel), earned \$45,708 for legal services performed for the Company.

W. D. Carter, director, earned \$9,010 for various consulting services performed for the Company.

## NOTE L - FUNCTIONAL ALLOCATION OF EXPENSES

The costs of providing the various programs and activities have been summarized on a functional basis in the Statement of Activities. Accordingly, certain costs have been allocated among programs and supporting services benefited. The Company has determined that fund-raising costs are not material.

# ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

	WATER	SEWER	
	SYSTEM	SYSTEM	TOTAL
OPERATING REVENUE		1 106 861	F 943 444
Charges for Services	4,506,387	1,196,751	5,703,138
Forfeited Discounts	84,539	21,135	105,674
Reconnect Charges	96,270	- -	96,270
Sewer Inspection Fees		530	530
Water Service Charges	86,675		86,675
Tapping Fees	132,940	15,590	148,530
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	<u>4,906,811</u>	1,234,006	6,140,817
DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES			
Operating Contract	1,467,350	269,316	1,736,666
Power	472,697	213,556	686,253
Maintenance	368,331	216,542	584,873
Chemicals - Sewer	-	41,051	41,051
Testing - Sewer	-	29,414	29,414
Engineering Services	2,700	4,725	7,425
Water Purchased	738,239	-	738,239
Water Used in Sewer Plant	-	5,712	5,712
Service and Franchise Fees	2,798	16,804	19,602
Right of Way	700	32,000	32,700
Water and Sewer Taps	129,359	14,019	143,378
TOTAL DIRECT OPERATING EXPENSES	3,182,174	843,139	4,025,313
NET OPERATING INCOME	1,724,637	390,867	2,115,504
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	212,196	102,004	314,200
NET OPERATING PROFIT	1,512,441	288,863	1,801,304
OTHER INCOME	139,592	58,452	198,044
	1,652,033	347,315	1,999,348
OTHER EXPENSES	352,904	383,143	736,047
NET INCOME BEFORE AMORTIZATION			
AND DEPRECIATION	1,299,129	(35,828)	1,263,301
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AMORTIZATION AND DEPRECIATION Amortization of Bond Issue Exp 1994A	~ ~~~	<i></i>	
	2,686	672	3,358
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Depreciation Expense	2,782	695	3,477
Depreciation expense	849,816	349,750	1,199,566
TOTAL AMORTIZATION AND DEPRECIATION	864,876	353,515	1,218,391
NET INCOME FOR THE YEAR	434,253	( <u>389,343</u> )	44,910

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## SCHEDULE II

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GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF FUNCTIONAL EXPENSES - BY PROGRAM FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

	ADMINI-			
	STRATIVE	WATER	SEWER	
	EXPENSES	SYSTEM	SYSTEM	TOTAL
Operating Contract	-	1,467,350	269,316	1,736,666
Power	-	472,697	213,556	686,253
Maintenance	-	368,331	216,542	584,873
Chemicals	-	_	41,051	41,051
Testing	-	-	29,414	29,414
Water Used in Sewer Plants	-	-	5,712	5,712
Service & Franchise Fees	_	2,798	16,804	19,602
Right of Way	-	700	32,000	32,700
Accounting	14,684	-	-	14,684
Advertising	-	-	-	-0-
Bank Charges	10,775	-	-	10,775
Dues & Subscriptions	671	-	-	671
Engineering Fees	-	2,700	4,725	7,425
Inspection & Supervision Fees	8,537	-	-	8,537
Insurance	57,688	-	-	57,688
Interest	-	289,461	353,786	643,247
Legal & Administrative	106,635	-	-	106,635
Miscellaneous	9,010	_	-	9,010
Office Expenses	6,110	-	-	6,110
Postage	7,982	-	-	7,982
Rent	1,080	-	-	1,080
Salaries	62,370	-	-	62,370
Taxes & Licenses	5,035	5	13,497	18,537
Telephone	4,735	-	-	4,735
Travel	88	-	-	88
Trustee Fees	4,400			4,400
Provision for Bad Debts	-	63,438	15,860	79,298
Pension Expense	14,400	-	-	14,400
Amortization	-	15,060	3,765	18,825
Depreciation	<u> </u>	849,816	349,750	1,199,566
TOTAL	<u>314,200</u>	<u>3,532,356</u>	<u>1,565,778</u>	<u>5,412,334</u>

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## GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY STATEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES FOR THE YEAR ENDED AUGUST 31, 2007

	WATER	SEWER	
	SYSTEM	SYSTEM	TOTAL
Accounting	11,747	2,937	14,684
Bank Charges	8,620	2,155	10,775
Dues & Subscriptions	537	134	671
Inspection & Supervision Fees	6,830	1,707	8,537
Insurance	46,150	11,538	57,688
Legal & Administrative	46,744	59,891	106,635
Miscellaneous	7,208	1,802	9,010
Office Expenses	4,888	1,222	6,110
Postage	6,386	1,596	7,982
Rent	864	216	1,080
Salaries	49,896	12,474	62,370
Taxes & Licenses	4,028	1,007	5,035
Telephone	3,788	947	4,735
Travel	70	18	88
Trustee Fees	2,920	1,480	4,400
Pension Expense	11,520	2,880	14,400
TOTAL ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	<u>212,196</u>	<u>102,004</u>	<u>314,200</u>

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## SCHEDULE IV

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## GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY CURRENT YEAR SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS AUGUST 31, 2007

INTERNAL CONTROLS

None

COMPLIANCE

None

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#### SCHEDULE V

## GREATER OUACHITA WATER COMPANY PRIOR YEAR FINDINGS, RECOMMENDATIONS, AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS AUGUST 31, 2007

## INTERNAL CONTROLS

There were no findings or recommendations in the prior year.

## COMPLIANCE

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There were no findings or recommendations in the prior year.

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