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REPORT

**WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5
WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT
Angie, Louisiana**

**Component Unit Financial Statements
As of and for the Year
Ended December 31, 1999
with Supplemental Information Schedules**

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

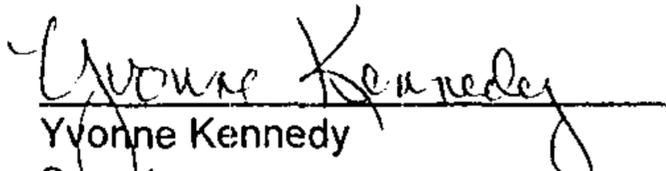
DECEMBER 31, 1999

Office of the Legislative Auditor
P. O. Box 94397
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9397

Dear Sir:

In accordance with Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514, enclosed are the annual financial statements for the Washington Parish Fire Protections District # 5 as of and for the fiscal year ended December 31, 1999. The report includes all funds under the control and oversight of the district. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Sincerely


Yvonne Kennedy
Secretary

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT # 5
ANGIE, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL SWORN FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND CERTIFICATION OF REVENUES \$50,000 OR LESS
AS OF AND FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1999
WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

The annual sworn financial statements are required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:514 to be filed with the Legislative Auditor within 90 days after the close of the fiscal year. The certification of revenues \$50,000 or less, is required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 (I) (1) (c) (i).

AFFIDAVIT

Personally came and appeared before the undersigned authority, Yvonne Kennedy, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the financial statements herewith given present fairly the financial position of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District # 5 as of December 31, 1999, and the results of the operations for the year ended, in accordance with the basis of accounting described within the accompanying financial statements. In addition, Yvonne Kennedy, who, duly sworn, deposes and says that the Washington Parish Fire Protection District # 5. received \$50,000 or less in revenues and other sources for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1999, and accordingly, is not required to have an audit for the previously mentioned fiscal year end.


Signature

Sworn to and subscribed before me, this 19 day of February, 2000.


Notary Public

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Protection District # 5
Angie, Louisiana

We have compiled the accompanying financial statements and the account group financial statements of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District # 5, a component unit of the Washington Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 1999, in accordance with the Statements of Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. We have not audited or reviewed the accompanying financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

Durden and Alonzo, CPAs

Durden and Alonzo,
Certified Public Accountants

Februray 22, 2000

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

STATEMENT A

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5
 WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT
 Angie, Louisiana

All Fund Types and Account Groups

Balance Sheet
 December 31, 1999

	Governmental Funds			Account Groups			Total
	General Fund	Debt Service Fund		General Fixed Assets	General Long-Term Obligations	Memorandum Only	
ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS							
ASSETS:							
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,884	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,884
Investments	8,511	-	-	-	-	-	8,511
Receivables	24,283	-	-	-	-	-	24,283
Prepaid expenses	1,317	-	-	-	-	-	1,317
Land, buildings & equipment	-	-	176,218	-	-	-	176,218
OTHER DEBITS:							
Amount available in Debt Service Fund	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Amount to be provided for retirement of long-term obligations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ASSETS AND OTHER DEBITS	\$ 50,995	\$ -	\$ 176,218	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 227,213
LIABILITIES, EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS							
LIABILITIES:							
Note payable - Hancock Bank	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
Total Liabilities	-	-	-	-	10,000	-	10,000
EQUITY AND OTHER CREDITS:							
Investment in general fixed assets	-	-	176,218	-	-	-	176,218
Fund balance - unreserved	50,995	-	-	-	(10,000)	-	40,995
Total Equity and Other Credits	50,995	-	176,218	-	(10,000)	-	217,213
TOTAL LIABILITIES, EQUITY, AND OTHER CREDITS	\$ 50,995	\$ -	\$ 176,218	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 227,213

See accountant's report and the accompanying notes to the financial statements

STATEMENT B

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5
WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT
Angie, Louisiana

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures
and Changes in Fund Balance
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>General</u>	<u>Debt Service</u>	<u>Total</u>
REVENUES:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 24,229	\$ -	\$ 24,229
State revenue sharing	11,021	-	11,021
Other revenues:			
Donations	-	-	-
Interest earned	219	-	219
Fund raiser	4,276	-	4,276
Miscellaneous income	41	-	41
Total Revenues	<u>39,786</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>39,786</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Insurance	4,285	-	4,285
Repairs and maintenance	1,262	-	1,262
Utilities	411	-	411
Capital Outlay	1,643	-	1,643
Election expense	-	-	-
Legal and accounting	1,800	-	1,800
Supplies	475	-	475
Fund raiser	1,576	-	1,576
Fuel, gas, and oil	924	-	924
Debt service:			
Principal retirement	-	10,000	10,000
Interest	-	498	498
Other	128	-	128
Total expenditures	<u>12,504</u>	<u>10,498</u>	<u>23,002</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	27,282	(10,498)	16,784
FUND TRANSFERS	<u>(10,498)</u>	<u>10,498</u>	<u>-</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND FUND TRANSFERS	16,784	-	16,784
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1999	<u>34,211</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>34,211</u>
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1999	<u>\$ 50,995</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 50,995</u>

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STATEMENT C

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5
WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT
Angie, Louisiana

GOVERNMENTAL FUNDS

Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and changes in Fund Balance
Budget and Actual - General Fund
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Favorable (Unfavorable) Variance</u>
REVENUES:			
Ad valorem taxes	\$ 24,000	\$ 24,229	\$ 229
State revenue sharing	4,000	11,021	7,021
Other revenues:			
Donations	-	-	-
Interest earned	-	219	219
Fund raiser	2,000	4,276	2,276
Miscellaneous income	-	41	41
Total Revenues	<u>30,000</u>	<u>39,786</u>	<u>9,786</u>
EXPENDITURES:			
Insurance	5,000	4,285	715
Repairs and maintenance	2,500	1,262	1,238
Utilities	600	411	189
Equipment	2,900	-	2,900
Capital Outlay	14,000	1,643	12,357
Election expense	-	-	-
Legal and accounting	1,500	1,800	(300)
Supplies	-	475	(475)
Fund raiser	1,500	1,576	(76)
Fuel, gas, and oil	1,000	924	76
Other	1,000	128	872
Total expenditures	<u>30,000</u>	<u>12,504</u>	<u>17,496</u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER (UNDER) EXPENDITURES	-	27,282	27,282
FUND TRANSFERS	-	<u>(10,498)</u>	<u>(10,498)</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES AND FUND TRANSFERS	-	16,784	16,784
FUND BALANCE, JANUARY 1, 1999	-	<u>34,211</u>	<u>34,211</u>
FUND BALANCE, DECEMBER 31, 1999	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 50,995</u>	<u>\$ 50,995</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5
WASHINGTON PARISH GOVERNMENT
Angie, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

INTRODUCTION

As provided by Louisiana Revised Statute 40:1496.12E, the Fire Protection District Number Five of Washington Parish was created. The District shall constitute a public corporation and as such shall have all the powers of public corporations, including perpetual existence and the right and power to incur debt and contract obligations, to sue and be sued, and to have a corporate seal. The district shall also be authorized to do and perform all acts in its corporate capacity and in its name, necessary and proper, for the purposes of acquiring, maintaining and operating buildings, machinery, equipment, water tank, water hydrants, water lines, and such other things as might be necessary or proper for effective fire prevention and control as considered necessary by the parish governing body of the district for the protection of the property within the limits of the district against fire.

The governing body of the parish shall appoint a five member board that shall perform all duties, functions, and powers responsible for the operation and maintenance of the district. All funds of the district shall be administered by the board. The board of commissioner members may be paid a per diem of fifty dollars for attending meetings of the board, and may be reimbursed any expenses incurred in performing the duties imposed upon them.

The District borders the Mississippi state line to the north, Pearl River to the east, 7th Ward line road to the south and Puspatappa Creek to the west in Ward 7 of Washington Parish, approximately 96 square miles. It serves approximately 2,100 people and several small businesses living and operating in this district. It operates two fire houses, one in Angie, Louisiana, and a second in Stateline, Louisiana, with a volunteer staff of fire fighters.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The accompanying financial statements of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District #5 have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) as applied to government units.

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

B. REPORTING ENTITY

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Washington Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for Washington Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government, (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Washington Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
 - a. The ability of the Washington Parish Government to impose its will on that organization and/or
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Washington Parish Government.
2. Organizations for which the Washington Parish Government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the parish government.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the Washington Parish Government appoints a voting majority of the district's governing board and the parish government has the ability to impose its will on the district, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Washington Parish Government, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

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Angie, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

C. FUND ACCOUNTING

The district uses funds and account groups to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. An account group, on the other hand, is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

Funds of the district are classified as governmental funds. Governmental funds account for the district's general activities, including the collection and disbursements of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. Governmental funds of the district include:

- a. General Fund – the general operating fund of the District accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.
- b. Debt Service Fund – the debt service fund of the District accounts for the matured portion of and the payment of principal and interest of liabilities of the General Long-term Debt Account Group.

D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The governmental funds are accounted for using a current financial resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, only current assets and current liabilities generally are included on the balance sheet. Operating statements of these funds present increases and decreases in net current assets. The modified accrual basis of accounting is used by the governmental funds. The governmental funds use the following practices in recording revenues and expenditures:

Revenues

Revenues are recognized in the accounting period they become available and measurable. Donations, fund raising net revenues and state revenue sharing is recorded when received. Ad valorem taxes become a lien against the assessed

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property on assessment date or levy date, but the actual amount paid to the governmental unit may not be collected until a later period. Generally, the ad valorem tax must be collected within sixty days after the end of the period in which *the ad valorem tax revenue was recognized.*

Expenditures

Expenditures are recognized in the accounting period the fund liability is incurred.

E. BUDGETS

The District does not have a formal policy on adopting a budget. The budget for year ending December 31, 1999, was adopted at the District's December 1998 regular meeting. All appropriations lapse at year-end.

F. ENCUMBRANCES

The District does not use encumbrance accounting.

G. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits and interest bearing demand deposits. Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

H. PREPAID ITEMS

The District uses the allocation method of recording prepaid expenses.

I. FIXED ASSETS

Fixed assets are recorded as expenditures at the time purchased or constructed and the related assets are reported in the general fixed assets account group. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost or estimated historical cost. Approximately 4.45% of total assets are valued at estimated historical cost. Donated assets were transferred from the Angie Volunteer Fire Department (organized prior to 1988 state legislature establishment of the district) and are valued at their original cost which approximates market value at the date donated.

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Angie, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

J. COMPENSATED ABSENCES

The District does not have any paid employees; therefore, it does not have a formal leave policy.

K. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

Long-term obligations expected to be financed from governmental funds are reported in the general long-term debt account group. Expenditures for principal and interest payments for long-term obligations are recognized in the governmental funds when due.

L. FUND EQUITY

Reserves

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditure or legally segregated for a specific future use.

Designated Fund Balances

Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

M. TOTAL COLUMNS ON STATEMENTS

The total columns on the statements are captioned Memorandum Only to indicate that they are presented only to facilitate financial analysis. Data in these columns do not present financial position or results of operations in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. Neither is such data comparable to a consolidation.

2. LEVIED TAXES

On November 3, 1992, the district passed a proposal for a 10 mill property tax assessment upon the property owners of the District, subject to homestead exemption. The tax is for a period of 10 years commencing in the year 1993 for the purpose of maintaining and operating the District's fire protection facilities, for purchasing fire trucks and other fire fighting equipment and paying the cost of obtaining water for fire protection service. On July 19, 1997 the voters of the District passed a resolution, amending the original millage proposition, for the added purposes of purchasing real estate, buildings and/or construction of a fire station or fire stations.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
 For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

1999 Assessed property value	4,475,560
Homestead Exemption	1,968,860
Taxable value	<u>2,506,700</u>
10 Mill assessment	\$ 25,067
Less: Pension deduction	802
Net assessment	<u>\$ 24,265</u>

3. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 1999, the District has cash and cash equivalents totaling \$16,885., as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 16,885.
Interest bearing demand deposits	<u>0.</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 16,885.</u>

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are to be held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 1999, the District had \$16,853. in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits were secured from risk by \$100,000. of federal deposit insurance.

4. INVESTMENTS

Investments consist of four Certificates of Deposit at Citizens Savings Bank, Angie, LA, for the year ended December 31, 1999. The certificates are valued at \$8,511., each for a term of 12 months, interest rates from 5.0% to 5.50% and varying dates of maturity. The investments are carried on the books at cost, which approximates market.

These investments are category 1 type investments, insured by federal deposit insurance and held by the district in the district's name.

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Angie, Louisiana

Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

5. RECEIVABLES

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 1999:

<u>Class of receivable</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
Ad valorem taxes	\$ <u>24,283.</u>

6. CHANGES IN GENERAL FIXED ASSETS

A summary of changes in general fixed assets follows:

	<u>Balance January 1, 1999</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 1999</u>
Fire trucks	\$ 45,584	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 45,584
Land	13,500	-	-	13,500
Fire house	76,754	-	-	76,754
Equipment	<u>38,738</u>	<u>1,642</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>40,380</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 174,576</u>	 <u>\$ 1,642</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 176,218</u>

7. CHANGES IN GENERAL LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS

The following is a summary of the long-term obligation transactions during the year:

	<u>Balance January 1, 1999</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Deductions</u>	<u>Balance December 31, 1999</u>
Notes Payable	\$ 20,000	-	\$ 10,000	\$ 10,000
 TOTAL	 <u>\$ 20,000</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 10,000</u>	 <u>\$ 10,000</u>

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On April 3, 1997, the Board of Commissioners of the District borrowed \$55,000. from Hancock Bank in Angie, Louisiana, at an interest rate of nine percent (9.0%) percent per annum, to be repaid over a ten year period to fund the construction of a new firehouse. The Bond Commission denied the Districts' initial application due to the wording of the tax proposition that was to be used to fund the debt service. The District, on July 19, 1997, had the wording of the original tax proposition (November 3, 1992) amended by the voters of the district. On November 20, 1997 the Bond Commission approved the District's application to borrow \$55,000. for funding construction of the new fire station, secured and payable from the avails or proceeds of the ten mills tax authorized at an election on November 3, 1992, amended July 19, 1997. In January 1998, the loan made by the Board of Commissioners was replaced with a loan in the name of the Washington Parish Fire Protection District #5. This loan is payable annually in installments of \$10,000. by March 1st of each year with interest accruing at 6.5%, payable quarterly. There is no penalty for early *payment of principle on this loan of which the District has taken advantage and has paid extra principle when possible.* At December 31, 1999, the balance remaining is \$10,000.00.

8. LITIGATION AND CLAIMS

As of December 31, 1999, there were no litigations or claims against the District.

9. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

There were no related party transactions during the period under examination.

10. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

There were no subsequent events after the balance sheet date requiring disclosure.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

WASHINGTON PARISH FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT #5
WASHINGTON PARISH POLICE JURY
Angie, Louisiana

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION SCHEDULE
For the Year Ended December 31, 1999

COMPENSATION PAID BOARD MEMBERS

The schedule of compensation paid to board members is presented in compliance with House Concurrent Resolution No. 54 of the 1979 Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Board members were not paid compensation in any form, except that Mrs. Yvonne Kennedy, Secretary, was paid \$100. per month, total for the year of \$1,200., for bookkeeping services for the district. Louisiana revised statute 40:1498 provides that a member elected as Secretary or Treasurer of the board may be compensated additionally for such services.