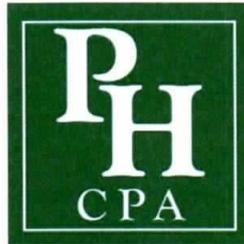


FOURTH WARD WATERWORKS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
ALBANY, LOUISIANA

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ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

As of December 31, 2017 and for the Year Then Ended  
With Supplemental Information Schedules



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**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

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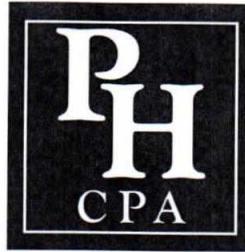
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### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors  
Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 623  
Albany, Louisiana 70711

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017, and the related statements of activities and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

#### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

#### *Auditor's Responsibility*

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 the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness

of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

***Opinion***

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2017, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

***Other Matter***

*Other Information*

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information on pages 17 through 21 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 7, 2018, on our consideration of Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering Fourth Ward Waterworks Association's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Phil Hebert*

Phil Hebert, CPA  
A Professional Accounting Corporation  
Albany, Louisiana  
May 7, 2018

# Financial Statements

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Statement A**

**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2017**

**Assets**

**Current Assets:**

Cash & Cash Equivalents	\$ 82,580
Investments	230,303
Inventory	27,069
Accounts Receivable, Net	41,260
Accrued Billings	12,317
Prepaid Insurance	14,621
Total Current Assets	<u>408,150</u>

**Restricted Assets:**

Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>212,631</u>
Total Restricted Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>212,631</u>

**Property, Plant & Equipment:**

Land	23,476
Capital Assets, Net	<u>2,561,372</u>
Total Property, Plant & Equipment	<u>2,584,848</u>

Total Assets	<u><u>\$ 3,205,629</u></u>
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Statement A**

**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2017**

**Liabilities and Net Assets**

**Current Liabilities:**

Accrued Payables	\$ 9,421
Payroll Liabilities	7,659
Accrued Interest	6,553
Note Payable - Current Portion	87,217
Total Current Liabilities	<u>110,850</u>

**Noncurrent Liabilities:**

Members' Deposits	72,629
Note Payable - Long Term	589,458
Total Noncurrent Liabilities	<u>662,087</u>
Total Liabilities	<u>772,937</u>

**Net Assets:**

Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>2,432,692</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>2,432,692</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 3,205,629</u>

(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
Albany, Louisiana**

**Statement B**

**Statement of Activities  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

<b>Operating Revenues:</b>	<u>Unrestricted</u>
Water Sales	\$ 436,937
DHH Fees	16,795
Miscellaneous Income	34,441
Total Operating Revenues	<u>488,173</u>
<b>Operating Expenses:</b>	
Accounting	2,255
Advertisement	76
Auto Expense	2,858
Bad Debt	683
Bank Charges	2,270
Depreciation	121,273
Dues	399
Electricity	19,783
Insurance	17,481
Licenses	25
Office Supplies	4,158
Outside Services	2,721
Per Diem, Board Members	5,900
Postage	6,590
Professional	5,000
Repairs & Maintenance	7,416
Retirement	4,627
Safe Drinking Water Fees	16,111
Salaries	223,553
Taxes, Payroll	17,186

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The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Statement B**

**Statement of Activities**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

Telephone	\$ 3,507
Travel	2,617
Utilities	1,690
Water System Supplies	36,279
Water Treatment	5,173
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<u>509,631</u>
<b>Operating Loss</b>	<u>(21,458)</u>
<b>Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	
Interest Income	1,675
Bond Interest	(42,235)
<b>Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<u>(40,560)</u>
<b>Change in Net Assets</b>	(62,018)
<b>Net Assets, Beginning</b>	<u>2,494,710</u>
<b>Net Assets, Ending</b>	<u><u>\$ 2,432,692</u></u>

(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Statement C**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

<b>Cash Flows From Operating Activities</b>	
Received from Customers	\$ 491,216
Payments for Operations	(149,123)
Payments for Employees	(243,545)
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>98,548</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Investing Activities</b>	
Purchase of Property, Plant, & Equipment	(280,211)
Receipt of Interest	1,675
Increase in Investment	(898)
Net Cash Used by Investing Activities	<u>(279,434)</u>
<b>Cash Flows From Financing Activities</b>	
Repayment of Debt Principal	(82,475)
Interest Payments	(42,134)
Net Cash Used by Financing Activities	<u>(124,609)</u>
<b>Net Decrease in Cash</b>	(305,495)
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, Beginning of Year</b>	<u>600,706</u>
<b>Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year</b>	<u>\$ 295,211</u>
<b>Reconciliation of Cash and Cash Equivalents to Statement of Financial Position:</b>	
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Unrestricted	\$ 82,580
Cash and Cash Equivalents, Restricted	212,631
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u>\$ 295,211</u>

(Continued)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Statement C**

**Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**Reconciliation of Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities**

Operating Loss	\$ (21,458)
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Loss to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities:	
Depreciation	121,273
(Increase) Decrease in Accounts Receivable	(5,766)
(Increase) Decrease in Accrued Billings	-
(Increase) Decrease in Inventory	(11,502)
(Increase) Decrease in Prepaid Insurance	(635)
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Payables	6,006
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits Payable	8,809
Increase (Decrease) in Payroll Liabilities	1,821
Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities	<u>\$ 98,548</u>

(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**Business Organization**

Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc. (The Association) is a non-profit corporation of the State of Louisiana serving the water service needs of its members. The Association was incorporated in 1969, and is supported primarily by fees paid by members for water services. The service limits for the Association are within Livingston Parish from the village limits of Albany, bounded on the north by St. Helena Parish, on the east by Tangipahoa Parish and on the west by the Tickfaw River. The Association currently serves 1,425 members.

**1. Significant Accounting Policies**

**A. Basis of Presentation**

The Association is required to report information regarding the financial position and activities according to three classes of net assets: unrestricted net assets, temporarily restricted net assets, and permanently restricted net assets.

**B. Basis Accounting**

The financial statements of Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc. have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred.

**C. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, time deposits and money market accounts. For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Association considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**D. Investments**

The Association maintains investments in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a non-profit corporation formed by an initiative of the State Treasurer and organized under the laws of Louisiana to operate as a local government investment pool. LAMP invests its assets only in securities and other obligations permissible under Louisiana law for local governments. Investments in LAMP are highly liquid and are considered to be cash equivalents. The Association also maintains an investment in a certificate of deposit with an initial maturity of more than 90 days.

**E. Inventories**

Inventories of water system supplies are stated at the lower of cost or market using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**F. Prepaid Items**

Payments made to vendors that will benefit periods beyond the end of the current calendar year are recorded as prepaid items. At December 31, 2017, the amount of prepaid insurance totaled \$14,621.

**G. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant, and equipment are stated at cost or fair value at date of donation. The Association has not adopted a formal capitalization policy. Depreciation is provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the assets as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Buildings and Improvements	20 Years
Machinery and Equipment	5 - 7 Years
Water Systems	40 Years

Renewals or improvements which extend the useful lives of assets are capitalized at cost. Maintenance and repairs are included as expenses in the statement of activities.

**H. Compensated Absences**

At December 31, 2017, the Association did not have employees that accumulate or vest benefits.

**I. Income Taxes**

The Association is exempt from Federal Income Taxes under Section 501 (C) (12) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Organization's Forms 990, Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax, for the years ending 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014 are subject to examination by the IRS, generally for 3 years after they were filed.

**J. Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**K. Restricted Cash**

Members' deposits are classified as restricted assets. Certain resources set aside for the repayment of the notes payable are classified as restricted assets because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

**L. Concentration of Credit Risk**

In the normal course of business, the Association extends unsecured credit to customers located in Livingston Parish in the State of Louisiana.

At December 31, 2017, the Association did not have any deposits in excess of the FDIC insurance.

**2. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

At December 31, 2017, the Association had cash and cash equivalents totaling \$295,211 (book balances) as follows:

Demand Deposits	\$ 82,580
Money Market	<u>212,631</u>
Total Cash and Cash Equivalents	<u><u>\$ 295,211</u></u>

**3. Investments**

Investments held at December 31, 2017 consist of \$72,986 in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP), a local government investment pool. LAMP is administered by the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc., a non-profit corporation organized under the laws of the State of Louisiana. The primary objective of LAMP is to provide a safe environment for the placement of funds in short-term, high quality investments. The LAMP portfolio includes only securities and other obligations in which local governments in Louisiana are authorized to invest in accordance with LA-R.S. 33:2955.

At December 31, 2017 the Association's certificate of deposit was reported separate from cash because the original maturity was more than 90 days. The fair value of the certificate of deposit at December 31, 2017 was \$157,317.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**4. Inventories**

At December 31, 2017, the Association had inventories consisting of the following:

Water System Supplies	\$ 15,567
Water Chemicals	11,502
Total	<u>\$ 27,069</u>

**5. Receivables**

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2017:

Accounts	\$ 45,143
Accrued Billings	12,317
Allowance for Bad Debt	<u>(3,883)</u>
Net Accounts Receivable	<u>\$ 53,577</u>

All customer receivables are reported at gross value and reduced by the portion that is expected to be uncollectible. Uncollectible accounts are written off against accounts receivable, when determined by the manager to be uncollectible.

Estimated unbilled receivables are recognized at the end of each fiscal year on a pro-rata basis. The estimated amount is based on billing during the month following the close of the fiscal year. Estimated unbilled receivables at December 31, 2017 totaled \$12,317.

The Association does not require collateral from its customers. The Association requires a security deposit of \$75.

**6. Restricted Assets**

At December 31, 2017, the Association had restricted assets as follows:

Debt Service Reserve Account	\$ 124,660
Members' Deposit Account	<u>87,971</u>
<b>Total Restricted Assets</b>	<u><u>\$ 212,631</u></u>

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**  
**Albany, Louisiana**

**Notes to the Financial Statements**  
**For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**7. Property, Plant and Equipment**

A summary of changes in capital assets during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 is as follows:

	Balance December 31, 2016	Additions	Deletions	Balance December 31, 2017
Capital Assets				
Land	\$ 23,476	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 23,476
Building	19,637	-	-	19,637
Equipment & Furniture	93,789	12,473	-	106,262
Water Distribution System	3,883,828	267,738	-	4,151,566
Total Capital Assets	4,020,730	280,211	-	4,300,941
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(1,594,820)	(121,273)	-	(1,716,093)
Total Capital Assets, Net	\$ 2,425,910	\$ 158,938	\$ -	\$ 2,584,848

Depreciation expense for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017, totaled \$121,273.

**8. Members' Deposits**

Members' deposits are paid by customers upon application for utility services and are returnable to them upon termination of services. The Association has established a separate bank account for member deposits. At December 31, 2017, the balance in this account is \$87,971.

**9. Pension Plan**

The Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc. participates in a Simple IRA Retirement Plan. The Association makes a contribution of two (2) percent of all employees' annual income. At December 31, 2017, the association recorded retirement expense of \$4,627.

**10. Notes Payable**

The Association entered into a loan agreement with the Louisiana Local Government Environment Facilities and Community Development Authority. On February 25, 2011 the Association borrowed \$1,224,000 in "Revenue Bonds Series 2011." The interest rate is at 5.699% and final maturity is on February 1, 2026.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
Albany, Louisiana**

**Notes to the Financial Statements  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

	Balance December 31, 2016	Payments	Balance December 31, 2017	Due Within One Year
Series 2011	\$ 772,351	\$ 82,475	\$ 689,876	\$ 87,217

The debt service requirements to maturity for the Revenue Bonds Series 2011 are as follows:

Year Ending December 31	Principle	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 87,217	\$ 37,392	\$ 124,609
2019	92,277	32,331	124,608
2020	97,631	26,977	124,608
2021	103,296	21,313	124,609
2022	109,289	15,319	124,608
2023-2024	200,166	11,165	211,331
	<u>\$ 689,876</u>	<u>\$ 144,497</u>	<u>\$ 834,373</u>

The Association must maintain user fees sufficient to provide an amount equal to at least one hundred twenty-five percent of the principal and interest maturing on the note for each Fiscal Year after paying the necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the water system. The Association is not in compliance with this covenant.

**12. Subsequent Event**

Management has evaluated subsequent events through May 7, 2018, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued and determined that no events occurred that require disclosure.

## Supplementary Information

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
Albany, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Entity Officials  
December 31, 2017**

<u>Board of Directors</u>	<u>Per Diem Payments</u>	<u>Salary Payments</u>	<u>Total Payments</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Sid Kinchen, President P.O. Box 1883 Albany, LA 70711 Phone: 225-567-1101	\$ 1,200	\$ 67,766	\$ 68,966	12/31/19
Eddie Wagner, Vice-President 32290 Pea Ridge Rd Albany, LA 70711 Phone: 225-567-2524	\$ 1,100	\$ -	\$ 1,100	12/31/20
Johnnie Johnson, Treasurer 28873 LA 40 Independence, LA 70443 Phone: 985-878-9746	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200	12/31/19
Jody Purvis, Secretary 27831 Horseshoe Rd N. Independence, LA 70443 Phone: 985-878-8650	\$ 1,200	\$ -	\$ 1,200	12/31/18
Kenneth Purvis, Board Member 27944 Purvis Rd Independence, LA 70443 Phone: 985-878-6116	\$ 1,200	\$ 52,737	\$ 53,937	12/31/20

See Auditor's Report.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
Albany, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Water Rates and Water Customers  
December 31, 2017**

	<u>Usage</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Residential Water Rates:	0 - 2,000 gallons	\$15.00 flat rate
	Over 2,000 gallons	\$2.50 per 1,000 gallons
		\$1.00 DHH Fee
Residential Customers:	1,425 customers	

See Auditor's Report.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
Albany, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Insurance  
December 31, 2017**

<u>Insurance Company</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limit of Insurance</u>
Glatfelter Insurance Group		
Policy No. GPPAPF605486801	<b>Property</b>	
Policy Period: 01/01/18-01/01/19	Real Property and Personal Property	\$1,324,793 Blanket Limit
	<b>Commercial Crime Coverage</b>	
	Employee Theft	\$100,000 Per Loss
	Forgery or Alteration	\$100,000 Per Occurrence
	Inside the Premises - Theft of Money & Securities	\$100,000 Per Occurrence
	Inside the Premises - Robbery/ Safe Burglary	\$100,000 Per Occurrence
	Outside the Premises	\$100,000 Per Occurrence
	Computers and Funds Transfer Fraud	\$100,000 Per Occurrence
	Money Orders	\$100,000 Per Occurrence
	Fraudulent Impersonation	\$100,000 Per Occurrence
	<b>Inland Marine Coverage</b>	
	Blanket Tools and Equipment	\$25,000 Limit \$10,000 Per Item
	2011 Kubota KX91-352 Excavator	\$35,000 Limit
	<b>General Liability</b>	
	General Liability	\$1,000,000
	Damage to Premises Rented to You	\$1,000,000
	Medical Expense	\$10,000
	Personal and Advertising Injury	\$1,000,000
	General Aggregate	\$3,000,000
	Products - Completed Operations Aggregate	\$3,000,000

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**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
Albany, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Insurance  
December 31, 2017**

<u>Insurance Company</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limit of Insurance</u>
	<b>Workers Compensation</b>	<b>Statutory Limits</b>
Louisiana Workers Compensation Corp. Policy # 7678 - A Policy Period: 01/04/18-01/04/19	Bodily Injury by Accident Bodily Injury by Disease Bodily Injury by Disease	\$100,000 Each Accident \$100,000 Each Employee \$500,000 Policy Limit
Travelers Policy # 105527815 Policy Period: 01/01/16-01/01/19	Non-Profit Organization Directors' and Officer's Liability  Employment Practices Liability	\$1,000,000 For All Claims  \$1,000,000 For All Claims

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See Auditor's Report.

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
Albany, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Compensation, Benefits and Other  
Payments to Agency Head  
December 31, 2017**

Manager: Sid Kinchen

<b>Purpose</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Salary	\$ 67,766
Retirement Benefits	1,355
Per Diem - Board Meetings	1,200
Travel	1,575
Total Payments	\$ <u>71,896</u>

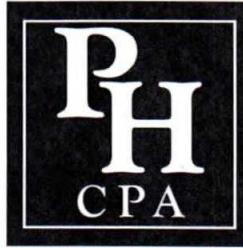
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### **Independent Auditor's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance And Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance With Government Auditing Standards**

Board of Directors  
Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
P.O. Box 623  
Albany, Louisiana 70711

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing 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, the financial statements of Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statement of financial position as of December 31, 2017, and the related statements of activities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 7, 2018.

#### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.'s internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* 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 and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

## **Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.**

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. We identified certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Responses that we consider to be material weaknesses. We consider the deficiencies described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Responses to be material weaknesses. See Finding 2017-1.

## **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Fourth Ward Waterworks Association's financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed one instance of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. 2017-02

Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.'s response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Responses. Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.'s response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

## **Purpose of this Report**

The Purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the organization's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the organization's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Directors, and the Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and federal awarding agencies and passes through entities and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

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May 7, 2018

**Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc.  
Albany, Louisiana**

**Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings  
For the Year Ended December 31, 2017**

**Section I Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements**

**2016-1 Accountant Cannot Prepare Financial Statements**

**Condition:**

The Association's job description does not require the Association's accountant to be able to prepare financial statements under generally accepted accounting principles.

**Recommendation:**

I recommend management review the cost benefit of hiring an accountant who has the technical skills to prepare the annual financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Resolved:**

See Finding 2017-1

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**Albany, Louisiana**

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**December 31, 2017**

We have audited the basic financial statements of Fourth Ward Waterworks Association, Inc. as of and for the year ended December 31, 2017, and have issued our report thereon dated May 7, 2018. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Governmental Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our audit of the financial statements as of December 31, 2017 resulted in an unmodified opinion.

**Section I Summary of Auditor's Reports**

a. Report on Internal Control and Compliance Material to the Financial Statements

Internal Control

Material Weaknesses, Yes Significant Deficiencies, No

Compliance

Compliance Material to Financial Statements, No

b. Federal Awards

Not applicable

Was a management letter issued? No

**Internal Control**

**2017-1 Accountant Cannot Prepare Financial Statements**

**Condition:**

The Association's job description does not require the Association's accountant to be able to prepare financial statements under generally accepted accounting principles.

**Criteria:**

Internal controls over the preparation of the annual financial statements, complete with notes, are necessary in order for management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent or detect and correct misstatements of the financial statements on a timely basis.

**Cause:**

This condition is intentional by management based on the Association's lack of financial complexity, along with the cost prohibitive nature of acquiring the ability to prepare the financial statements.

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**Effect:**

Management and employees are unable to prevent or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis in the normal course of performing their assigned functions.

**Recommendation:**

We recommend management review the cost benefit of hiring an accountant who has the technical skills to prepare the annual financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

**Management's Response:**

Management will continue to review the cost benefit of hiring an accountant who has the technical skills to prepare the annual financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Responsible Party is Sid Kinchen, Manager.

**Compliance**

**2017-2 Loan Covenant Requirements**

**Criteria:**

The Company must maintain user fees sufficient to provide an amount equal to at least one hundred twenty-five percent of the principal and interest maturing on the note for each Fiscal Year after paying the necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the water system.

**Condition:**

Utility rates were not sufficient to provide an amount equal to at least one hundred twenty-five percent of the principal and interest maturing on the note for each Fiscal Year after paying the necessary expenses of operating and maintaining the water system.

**Cause:**

The Association installed and purchased electronic meters for all customers. The Association used its own employees to install the meters and had to pay additional salaries for the overtime worked.

**Effect:**

The Association is not in compliance with bond covenants.

**Recommendation:**

We recommend management evaluate whether they need to increase water service rates for customers in order to be in compliance with bond covenants.

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**Management's Response**

Management believes the Association will be in compliance with the bond covenants next year since they will not have to pay salaries for installing electronic meters in 2018. Management believes the salaries will decrease and sales will increase due to being able to track all water sales on a monthly basis with the electronic meters. Responsible Party is Sid Kinchen, Board President.