MILTON WATER SYSTEM, INC.

Milton, Louisiana

Financial Report

Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors Milton Water System, Inc. Milton, Louisiana

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Milton Water System, Inc., (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019 and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years 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 audits. We conducted our audits 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 Milton Water System, Inc., as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the changes in its net assets and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Correction of an Error

As described in Note 14 to the financial statements, Milton Water System performed additional analysis and identified a water distribution system that had previously not been recorded or properly depreciated. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this manner.

Other Matters

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information on pages 18 and 19 is presented for 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 supplementary information section has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated November 10, 2020, on our consideration of the Milton Water System, 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 the 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 the Milton Water System, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Abbeville, Louisiana November 10, 2020

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Statements of Financial Position June 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 526,054	\$ 364,567
Accounts receivable	104,579	111,854
Prepaid expense	12,643	18,966
Other assets	1,463	3,227
Total current assets	644,739	498,614
Restricted assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	489,397	442,851
Property, plant and equipment, net	5,633,734	5,011,045
Total assets	\$6,767,870	\$5,952,510
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 47,436	\$ 39,316
Accrued interest payable	5,894	4,638
Notes payable-current	72,906	64,338
Other payables	13,587	13,095
Total current liabilities	139,823	121,387
Long - term liabilities:		
Notes payable-long term	1,724,975	1,892,382
Customer deposits	295,647	279,447
Total long-term liablilities	2,020,622	2,171,829
Total liabilities	2,160,445	2,293,216
Net assets:		
Without donor restrictions	4,607,425	3,659,294
Total liabilities and net assets	\$6,767,870	\$5,952,510

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statements of Activities Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Changes in Net Assets Without Donor Restrictions -		
Revenues:		
Water sales	\$ 1,490,177	\$ 1,397,641
Finance charges	18,213	22,907
Meter installation fees	89,525	66,650
Reconnect fees	18,172	37,656
Connection Fees	18,053	20,944
NSF charges	2,174	2,192
Interest earned	4,611	3,940
Gain (Loss) on disposal	(6,264)	(1,047)
Miscellaneous income	5,833	578
Total revenues	1,640,494	1,551,461
Expenses:		
Program services	1,149,414	1,152,160
Supporting services:		
Management and general	374,949	371,297
Total expenses	1,524,363	1,523,457
Excess of revenues over expenses	116,131	28,004
Other increases in net assets:		
Contributed assets	832,000	
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	948,131	28,004
Net assets, beginning of year (restated)	3,659,294	3,631,289
Net assets, end of year	\$ 4,607,425	\$3,659,294

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

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Statements of Functional Expenses Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

Tears Ended Julie 50, 2020 and 2019		
	2020	2019
Program services:		
Auto and truck	\$ 2,600	\$ 2,632
Chemicals	2,806	2,336
Customer service and repairs	(180)	185
Depreciation	285,876	268,747
Dottie expense	1,777	2,117
Insurance	36,607	36,375
Maintenance and supplies	2,767	4,391
Meter reading	53,842	52,912
Rent - equipment	8,400	9,800
Repairs and maintenance (equipment)	198	1,595
Repairs and maintenance (treatment)	7,952	6,438
Repairs and maintenance (line)	19,944	41,246
Repairs and maintenance (distribution)	11	-
Salaries	72,077	102,653
Taxes - payroll	5,758	8,111
Telephone	1,503	1,439
Supplies and tools	6,076	5,431
Training and education	-	120
Utilities	8,270	6,834
Water purchases	633,130	598,798
Total program services	\$1,149,414	\$1,152,160
Supporting services:		
Management and general		
Accounting	\$ 18,135	\$ 19,625
Advertising	-	150
Bank charges	1,956	1,589
Depreciation	1,037	695
Dues and subscriptions	2,909	5,528
Insurance	29,740	22,935
Interest	100,055	98,807
Legal	6,122	8,476
Management fees	9,838	15,405
Miscellaneous	1,043	616
Office expense	8,270	8,008
Postage	32,555	32,011
Repairs and maintenance	13,593	12,031
Salaries	129,832	125,138
Taxes - payroll	10,483	10,070
Telephone	6,804	6,493
Utilities	2,577	2,577
Total supporting services	\$ 374,949	\$ 371,297

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the basic financial statements.

Statements of Cash Flows Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Change in net assets without donor restrictions	\$ 116,131	\$ 28,004
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Adjustments to reconcile change in net assets to		
net cash flow from operating activities:	286 012	260 442
Depreciation	286,913	269,442
Loss on disposal	6,264	1,047
(Increase) decrease in operating assets Accounts receivable	7,275	15 072
	6,323	15,072 (8,648)
Prepaid expenses Other assets		,
	1,764	(1,963)
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities	8,120	1 421
Accounts payable Accrued expenses and other payables	8,120 1,748	1,421
Customer deposits	1,748	(1,684) 42,582
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Total adjustments	334,607	317,269
Net cash provided by operating activities	450,738	345,273
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(83,864)	(540,717)
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Cash flows from financing activities:		
Principal paid on notes payable	(158,839)	(93,347)
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	208,035	(288,791)
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	807,418	1,096,209
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	007,410	1,090,209
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 1,015,453	\$ 807,418
Supplementary cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 98,799	\$ 99,058
Contributed asset - Water lines	\$ 832,000	\$ -
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Statements of Cash Flows (Continued) Years Ended June 30, 2020 and 2019

	2020	2019
Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents per statement		
of cash flows to the statement of financial position:		
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period -		
Cash and interest bearing deposits - unrestricted	\$ 364,567	\$ 884,344
Cash and interest bearing deposits - restricted	442,851	211,865
Total cash and cash equivalents	807,418	1,096,209
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period -		
Cash and interest bearing deposits - unrestricted	526,054	364,567
Cash and interest bearing deposits - restricted	489,397	442,851
Total cash and cash equivalents	1,015,451	807,418
Net (decrease) increase	\$ 208,033	\$(288,791)

Notes to Financial Statements

(1) <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

A. <u>Nature of Operations</u>

Milton Water System, Inc. (The Water System) was incorporated January 10, 1974, under the provisions of non-profit corporation laws under the State of Louisiana. The water system was organized to construct, maintain, and operate a private water system that provides water to its members. Members elect directors who appoint or elect officers to manage the organization. The organization was granted non-profit status, by the Internal Revenue Service under IRS Code 501 (c)(12).

B. Financial Statement Presentation

The Water System reports information regarding its financial position and activities according to two classes of net assets: Net Assets without Donor Restrictions and Net Assets with Donor Restrictions.

The financial statements of The Water System have been prepared on the accrual basis and accordingly reflect all significant receivables, payables, and other liabilities. The significant accounting policies followed are described below to enhance the usefulness of the financial statements to the reader.

C. <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

Cash and cash equivalents is comprised of interest-bearing deposits which are stated at cost, which approximates market. All short-term investments that are highly liquid are considered to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash, and at the date of purchase, they have a maturity date no longer than three months.

D. <u>Allocation of Functional Expenses</u>

Direct expenses are charged to program or support based on specific identification.

E. <u>Revenue Recognition</u>

Water sales are recorded or accrued when earned. Substantially all other revenues are recorded when received.

F. <u>Net Assets</u>

The net assets of the Water System and changes therein are classified and reported as follows:

Net Assets with Donor Restrictions – Net assets subject to stipulations imposed by donors and grantors. Some donor restrictions may be temporary in nature. These restrictions will be satisfied by actions of the Water System or by the passage of time.

Notes to Financial Statements

Net Assets without Donor Restrictions – Net assets that are not subject to donorimposed restrictions and may be expended for any purpose in performing the primary objectives of the Water System. These net assets may be used at the discretion of the Water System's management and board of directors.

The Water System's board of directors has designated, from net assets without donor restrictions for the following purpose:

	 2020	 2019
Designated for reserve accounts	\$ 193,750	\$ 163,404

G. Income Taxes

The Water System is a nonprofit organization exempt from Federal and State income taxes. Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to evaluate tax positions taken by the Water System and recognize a tax liability (or asset) if the Water System has undertaken an uncertain position that more likely than not would not be sustained upon examination by the Internal Revenue Service. Management has analyzed the tax positions taken by the Water System, and has concluded that as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, there are no uncertain positions taken or expected to be taken that would require recognition of a liability (or asset) or disclosure in the financial statements. The Water System is subject to routine audit by taxing jurisdictions; however, there are currently no audits for any tax periods in progress.

H. <u>Property and Equipment</u>

The cost of property and equipment, which have an acquisition cost of \$500 or more are capitalized. Property and equipment are valued at historical cost and are being depreciated on a straight-line basis. Depreciation expense totaled \$286,913 and \$269,442 for the years ended June 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

I. <u>Bad Debts</u>

Generally accepted accounting principles require the accrual of uncollectible receivables through an allowance account. Uncollectible amounts due from water system customers are written-off using the direct charge-off method. An allowance amount would be immaterial at June 30, 2020 and 2019.

J. <u>Vacation, Sick Leave, and Compensated Absences</u>

The Water System allows one regular workweek of paid vacation after one year as a full-time employee and increased vacation each additional year of service. Vacation is normally taken in the year accrued, but one week of unused vacation days may be carried over to the next year. Accrued vacation is payable at termination of employment. Accrued vacation will not be accrued because it is immaterial. Sick leave may not be carried over and is not payable at termination of employment; it is recorded as an expense of the period in which paid.

Notes to Financial Statements

K. <u>Statement of Cash Flows</u>

The Water System considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of acquisition to be cash equivalents.

L. <u>Use of Estimates</u>

The process of preparing financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to use estimates and make assumptions regarding certain types of assets, liabilities, support, and expenses. Such estimates primarily relate to unsettled transactions and events as of the date of the financial statements. Accordingly, upon settlement, actual results may differ from estimated amounts.

(2) <u>Accounts Receivable</u>

The aging of the accounts receivable is as follows:

	2020	2019
Current	\$ 81,484	\$ 83,372
Over 30 Days	12,134	15,336
Over 60 Days	5,074	3,080
Over 90 days	5,887	10,066
Total	\$104,579	\$111,854

(3) <u>Restricted Assets</u>

Restricted assets relate to funds transferred to separate accounts to meet the requirements of the U.S.D.A. loan agreement and customer deposits. The balance of restricted assets for June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	2020	2019
USDA reserves	\$193,750	\$163,404
Customer deposits	_295,647	279,447
Total	\$489,397	\$442,851

Notes to Financial Statements

(4) <u>Property, Plant and Equipment</u>

All costs associated with the construction of the water system are included in this account. The Water System follows a policy of capitalizing interest as a part of property, plant and equipment constructed. A schedule of property, plant and equipment for the periods ended June 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	2020	2019
Land	\$ 351,898	\$ 351,898
Construction in Progress	112,878	110,338
Water Treatment Plant	447,529	447,529
Waterwell	101,297	101,297
Ground Storage Reserve	27,794	27,794
Water Distribution System	7,039,313	6,207,313
Meters	1,190,832	1,135,806
Treatment Equipment	3,155	3,155
Equipment and/or Building	3,500	3,500
Filtering System	328,912	328,912
Furniture and Fixtures	37,832	37,832
Vehicles	72,759	72,759
Total	9,717,699	8,828,133
Less: accumulated depreciation	4,083,965	3,817,088
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	\$ 5,633,734	\$ 5,011,045

Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is computed over the estimated useful lives of the respective assets on a straight-line basis. All property, plant and equipment is pledged as collateral for notes payable listed in Note 5.

Notes to Financial Statements

(5) <u>Notes Payable</u>

The Water System's note payable balances consisted of the following:

	2020	2019
Note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Association, dated February 3, 2000, in the original amount of \$1,500,000, payable in monthly installments of \$8,055, including interest at 5.75 percent annum, secured by a pledge of revenues and accounts receivable from the Water System, a mortgage on the real estate, and personal property owned or purchased by the Water System, and maturing 2/3/2040.	\$ 907,367	\$ 997,985
Note payable to the United States Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Association, dated December 29, 2008, in the original amount of \$1,225,000, payable in monthly installments of \$5,562, including interest at 4.5 percent annum, secured by a pledge of revenues and accounts receivable from the Water System, a mortgage on the real estate, and personal property owned or		
purchased by the Water System, and maturing 12/28/2049.	890,514	958,735
Total notes payable	1,797,881	1,956,720
Less: Current portion	72,906	64,338
Long-term debt	\$1,724,975	\$ 1,892,382

Notes payable at June 30, 2020, is scheduled to mature as follows:

Year	Principal Only
2021	\$ 72,906
2022	76,854
2023	81,017
2024	85,410
2025	90,045
2026 to 2030	529,177
2031 to 2035	541,858
2036 to 2040	292,735
2041	27,879
	\$ 1,797,881

Notes to Financial Statements

(6) <u>Commitments and Contingencies</u>

The Water System is involved in two lawsuits, and management, board members and counsel reasonably estimate there will be no monetary loss regarding any legal matters as of June 30, 2020.

(7) <u>Concentration of Credit Risk</u>

The Water System maintains bank accounts at three separate institutions. Accounts at the institutions are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) up to \$250,000. Cash at June 30, 2020 and 2019 exceeded federally insured limits by \$72,077 and \$8,612, respectively.

(8) <u>Operating Lease</u>

The Water System leases a building in Milton, Louisiana, under an operating lease. The term of the operating lease is for one year and rental payments are \$700 per month.

(9) <u>Board of Directors</u>

The Board of Directors of the Water System for the year ended June 30, 2020 are as follows:

Board Member	Term	Address
President - Sinda Soileau	October 2019 - October 2022	129 Julie Drive, Lafayette, LA
Glen Gudiry	October 2017 - October 2020	PO Box 398, Milton, LA
Larry Soileau	October 2019 - October 2022	122 Julie Drive, Lafayette, LA
Bob Bixenman	July 2019 - July 2022	PO Box 359, Milton, LA
Lisa Noel	July 2019 - July 2022	221 Julie Drive, Lafayette, LA

(10) <u>Concentrations</u>

The Water System purchases the majority of its water from a local government. Without these purchases, The Water System would not be able to provide water to its customers.

(11) <u>Subsequent Events</u>

The Water System has evaluated subsequent events through November 10, 2020, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Notes to Financial Statements

(12) Liquidity and Availability of Resources

The Water System's financial assets available within one year of the balance sheet date for general expenditures are as follows:

	2020	2019
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 526,054	\$ 364,567
Accounts receivable	104,579	111,854
Prepaid expense	12,643	18,966
Other assets	1,463	3,227
Total current assets	\$ 644,739	\$ 498,614

Certain assets are restricted by lenders for specific purposes and, therefore, are not available for general expenditure. As part of the Water System's liquidity management, it has a policy to structure its financial assets to be available as its general expenditures, liabilities, and other obligations come due. Although the Water System does not intend to spend from its restricted assets other than amounts appropriated for general expenditures as part of its annual appropriation process, amounts from its restricted assets could be made available if necessary.

(13) <u>Recent Accounting Pronouncements</u>

In May 2014, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update No. 2014-9, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). This guidance is a comprehensive new revenue recognition standard that will supersede substantially all existing revenue recognition guidance. The new standard's core principle is that a company will recognize revenue when it transfers promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the company expects to be more entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In doing so, companies will need to use more judgment and make more estimates than under existing guidance. These may include identifying performance obligations in the contract, estimating the amount of variable consideration to include in the transaction price and allocating the transaction price to each separate performance obligation. In June of 2020, the FASB agreed to delay the effective date of the standard by one year. Therefore, the new standard will be implemented by Milton Water System for the year ended June 30, 2021 and is not expected to have a significant impact on Milton Water System's financial statements.

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842) intended to improve financial reporting regarding leasing transactions. The new standard affects all companies and organization that lease assets. The standard will require organizations to recognize on the statement of financial condition the assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by those leases if the lease terms are more than 12 months. The guidance also will require qualitative quantitative disclosures providing additional information about the amounts recorded in the financial statements. The amendments in this update are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2020, including interim periods within those fiscal years. The Water System is evaluating the potential impact of the amendment on the Water System's financial statements.

Notes to Financial Statements

(14) Prior Period Adjustment

The Water System discovered a Water Distribution System that had not been properly reported or depreciated. In order to account for the asset and prior depreciation, the following changes were made:

Accounts Adjusted	Net assets without donor restrictions	Water Distribution System	Accumulated Depreciation
July 1, 2019 Beginning Balance, as reported	\$ 3,358,589	\$ 5,880,693	\$ 3,791,173
Prior period adjustment:	300,705	326,620	25,915
July 1, 2019 Beginning Balance, as restated	\$ 3,659,294	\$ 6,207,313	\$ 3,817,088

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Schedule of Insurance in Force (Unaudited) June 30, 2020

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Policy Issuer	Policy Period	Insurance Coverage
Stiel Insurance of Acadiana, Inc.	1/17/20 to 1/17/21	General Liability \$3,000,000 General Aggregate \$1,000,000 Personal and Advertising \$1,000,000 Professional \$1,000,000 Employee Benefits \$1,000,000 Wrongful Acts \$1,000,000 Employment Injury \$1,000,000 Rental Property \$10,000 Medical Expense Commercial Property \$356,836 Building & Contents Crime Policy \$25,000 Employee Dishonesty \$10,000 Office Contents \$10,000 Computer Fraud
AmGUARD Insurance Company	7/24/19 to 7/24/20	Automobile \$500,000 Bodily injury & property damage
Louisiana's Worker's Compensation	9/1/19 to 9/1/20	Worker's Compensation \$100,000 Bodily Injury by Accident \$100,000 Bodily Injury by Disease
Western Surety Company	6/26/20 to 6/26/21	Surety Crime Policy Bond \$20,000 Customer Service \$50,000 Office Manager \$50,000 Operations Manager \$50,000 Board of Directors - President \$50,000 Board of Directors - Treasurer

Schedule of Number of Utility Customers (Unaudited) June 30, 2020

The Water System has a total of 3,998 customers at June 30, 2020, comprised of residential, commercial and wholesale customers. A summary of customers is as follows:

Customers	Active	Inactive	Total
Residential	3,929	-	3,929
Commercial	52	-	52
Wholesale	17		17
Total	3,998		3,998

The water rates of the System at June 30, 2020 are as follows:

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	Milton Side:	Lafayette Side:
Residential rates (3/4" pipe):		
Rate for the first 2,000 gallons	\$ 12.65	\$ 17.29
Rate per 1,000 gallons thereafter	\$ 1.82	\$ 4.54
Residential rates (1" pipe):		
Rate for the first 2,000 gallons	\$ 15.65	\$ 20.29
Rate per 1,000 gallons thereafter	\$ 1.82	\$ 4.54
Commercial rates (3/4" pipe):		
Rate for the first 2,000 gallons	\$ 12.65	\$ 17.29
Rate per 1,000 gallons thereafter	\$ 1.82	\$ 4.54
Commercial rates (1" pipe):		
Rate for the first 2,000 gallons	\$ 15.65	\$ 20.29
Rate per 1,000 gallons thereafter	\$ 1.82	\$ 20.27
Rate per 1,000 ganons increation	\$ 1.62	\$ 4.54
School rates:		
Rate for the first 2,000 gallons		\$ 78.58
Rate per 1,000 gallons thereafter		\$ 1.95
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2" Meter rates:		
Rate for the first 2,000 gallons	\$18.65	\$ 23.16
Rate per 1,000 gallons thereafter	\$1.82	\$ 4.41

Wholesale rates:

Factor of \$4.54 above the cost of water purchased from the City of Lafayette.

The Water System charges a 10% penalty of the total water charge for those customers paying their bill after the due date.

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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

To the Board of Directors Milton Water System, Inc. Milton, Louisiana

We have audited, 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, the financial statements of Milton Water System, Inc. (a nonprofit organization), which comprise the statements of financial position as of June 30, 2020 and 2019, and the related statements of activities, functional expenses and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated November 10, 2020.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Milton Water System, 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 Milton Water System, Inc.'s internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Milton Water System, 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 Milton Water System, Inc.'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.

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. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as item 2020-001 that we consider to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Milton Water System Inc.'s financial statements are free of 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Milton Water System Inc.'s Response to Findings

The Milton Water System Inc.'s response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of current and prior year audit findings and management's corrective action plan. The System'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 entity'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 entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose. Although the intended use of this report may be limited, under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Kolder, Slaven & Company, LLC Certified Public Accountants

Abbeville, Louisiana November 10, 2020

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

Part I: Current Year Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

2020-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

CONDITION: The Milton Water Systems, Inc. did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

CRITERIA: AU-C §315.04, Understanding the Entity and its Environment and Assessing the Risks of Material Misstatement, defines internal control as follows:

"Internal control is a process, affected by those charged with governance, management, and other personnel, designed to provide reasonable assurance about the achievement of objectives with regard to reliability of financial reporting, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, and compliance with applicable laws and regulations."

CAUSE: The cause of the condition is the fact that the Milton Water System, Inc. does not have a sufficient number of staff performing administrative and financial duties so as to provide adequate segregation of accounting and financial duties.

EFFECT: Failure to adequately segregate accounting and financial functions increases the risk that errors and/or irregularities including fraud and/or defalcations may occur and not be prevented and/or detected.

RECOMMENDATION: Management should reassign incompatible duties among different employees to ensure that a single employee does not have control of more than one of the following responsibilities: (1) authorization; (2) custody; (3) recordkeeping; and (4) reconciliation.

MANAGEMENT'S CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN: The Board members have determined that it is not cost effective to achieve complete segregation of duties within the accounting department. No plan is considered necessary.

B. <u>Compliance</u>

There are no compliance findings to be reported.

Schedule of Current and Prior Year Audit Findings and Management's Corrective Action Plan (Continued) Year Ended June 30, 2020

Part II: Prior Year Findings:

A. Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

2019-001 Inadequate Segregation of Accounting Functions

CONDITION: The Milton Water System, Inc. did not have adequate segregation of functions within the accounting system.

RECOMMENDATION: Based upon the cost-benefit of additional personnel, it would not be feasible to achieve complete segregation of duties.

CURRENT STATUS: Unresolved. See item 2020-001.

B. <u>Compliance</u>

There were no compliance findings reported.