

WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 3
OF BEAUREGARD PARISH
BEAUREGARD PARISH POLICE JURY
DERIDDER, LOUISIANA

ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
WITH AUDITOR'S REPORT

DECEMBER 31, 2009

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners
Waterworks District No. 3
of Beauregard Parish
Ragley, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities, of Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish, a component unit of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury, DeRidder, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's management.

Because of the destruction of, and the missing District's accounting records, along with the merger of the unaudited financial statements of South Beauregard Water System, Inc. which was merged into the District during the year, I was unable to express an opinion and I do not express an opinion on the Statement of Net Assets, Statement of Activities, Statement of Net Assets-Proprietary Fund, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets-Proprietary Fund, and Statement of Cash Flows-Proprietary Fund.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated November 3, 2010 on my consideration of Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's internal control over financial reporting and my 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 my 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* and should be considered in assessing the results of my audit.

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish, a component unit of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury, DeRidder, Louisiana, has not presented management's discussion and analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's financial statements as a whole. The schedule of per diem paid to board members is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The schedule of per diem paid to board members 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.

Board of Commissioners
Waterworks District No. 3
of Beauregard Parish
Ragley, Louisiana

Due to the scope limitation described in paragraph two above, I am unable to express and I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on it.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "J. Windham, CPA". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'J'.

DeRidder, Louisiana
November 3, 2010

BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish
Beauregard Parish Police Jury
DeRidder, Louisiana

Statement A

Statement of Net Assets
December 31, 2009

	<u>Business-type Activities</u>
ASSETS	
Cash	\$ 2,194,373
Receivables:	
Accounts	94,097
Prepaid insurance	11,071
Non-depreciable capital assets	88,859
Depreciable capital assets, net	8,274,739
Total assets	<u>\$ 10,663,139</u>
LIABILITIES	
Accounts payable	\$ 45,606
Payroll taxes payable	7,187
Customer deposits	2,720
Total current liabilities	<u>\$ 55,513</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in capital assets	\$ 8,363,598
Unrestricted	2,244,028
Total net assets	<u>\$ 10,607,626</u>
Total liabilities and net assets	<u>\$ 10,663,139</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish
 Beauregard Parish Police Jury
 DeRidder, Louisiana

Statement B

Statement of Activities
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

<i>Program Activities</i>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Program Revenues</u> Charges for Services	<u>Business-type Activities</u>
Business-type activities:			
Water and sewer	\$ 1,543,155	\$ 1,602,278	\$ 59,123
General revenues:			
Investment earnings			\$ 2,125
		Total general revenues	\$ 2,125
		Change in net assets	\$ 61,248
Net assets at beginning of year			10,546,378
Net assets at end of year			\$ 10,607,626

The accompanying notes are an integral part of the statement.

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish
 Beauregard Parish Police Jury
 DeRidder, Louisiana

Statement C

Statement of Net Assets
 Proprietary Fund
 December 31, 2009

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer
Assets	
Current Assets	
Cash	\$ 2,194,373
Receivables:	
Accounts	94,097
Prepaid insurance	11,071
Total current assets	\$ 2,299,541
Noncurrent Assets	
Non-depreciable capital assets	\$ 88,859
Depreciable capital assets, net	8,274,739
Total noncurrent assets	\$ 8,363,598
Total assets	\$ 10,663,139
Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	
Accounts payable	\$ 45,606
Payroll taxes payable	7,187
Customer deposits	2,720
Total current liabilities	\$ 55,513
Net Assets	
Invested in capital assets	\$ 8,363,598
Unrestricted	2,244,028
Total net assets	\$ 10,607,626
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 10,663,139

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 Beauregard Parish Police Jury
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Statement D

Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets
 Proprietary Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	<u>Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund Water and Sewer</u>
Operating revenues	
Charges for services	<u>\$ 1,602,278</u>
Operating expenses	
Personal services	\$ 351,577
Supplies	158,257
Contractual services	597,480
Depreciation	435,841
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 1,543,155</u>
Income (loss) from operations	<u>\$ 59,123</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses)	
Investment income	<u>\$ 2,125</u>
Change in net assets	\$ 61,248
Net assets at beginning of year	<u>10,546,378</u>
Net assets at end of year	<u><u>\$ 10,607,626</u></u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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 Beauregard Parish Police Jury
 DeRidder, Louisiana

Statement E

Statement of Cash Flows
 Proprietary Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Fund
	Water and Sewer
Cash flows from operating activities:	
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,631,596
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	(812,431)
Cash payments to employees for services	(353,206)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 465,959
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:	
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	\$ (532,613)
Cash flow from investing activities:	
Interest on cash and investments	\$ 2,125
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash investments	\$ (64,529)
Cash and Cash investments, beginning	2,258,902
Cash and Cash investments, ending	\$ 2,194,373

(Continued)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish
 Beauregard Parish Police Jury
 DeRidder, Louisiana

Statement E

Statement of Cash Flows
 Proprietary Fund
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

	Business-type Activities - Enterprise Funds
	Water and Sewer
Reconciliation of income from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Income from operations	\$ 59,123
Adjustments to reconcile income from operations to net cash provided by operating activities:	
Depreciation	\$ 435,841
Change in assets and liabilities:	
Decrease in accounts receivable	26,598
Decrease in accounts payable	(51,789)
Increase in customer deposits	2,720
Increase in prepaid insurance	(4,905)
Decrease in payroll taxes payable	(1,629)
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 465,959
	(Concluded)

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish
Notes to the Financial Statements
As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2009

INTRODUCTION

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish was created by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury under Louisiana Revised Statute 33:3811. The purpose of the water District is to provide water service to rural residents of the District. The governing body is composed of five compensated board members appointed by the Beauregard Parish Police Jury.

The District is located in central Beauregard Parish in the southwestern region of the State of Louisiana. The District provides rural water service to approximately 6,300 residents and employs approximately twelve employees.

The accounting and reporting policies of Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish conform to generally accepted accounting principles as applicable to governments. Such accounting and reporting procedures also conform to the requirements of Louisiana Revised Statutes 24:517 and to the guides set forth in the Louisiana Municipal Audit and Accounting Guide, and to the industry audit guide, Audits of State and Local Governmental Units.

GASB Statement No. 14, *The Reporting Entity*, established criteria for determining the governmental reporting entity and component units that should be included within the reporting entity. Under provisions of this Statement, Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish is considered a component unit of the Beauregard Parish Police Jury. As a component unit, the accompanying financial statements are included within the reporting of the primary government, either blended into those financial statements or separately reported as discrete component units.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

A. Government-Wide and Fund Financial Statements

The government-wide financial statements (i.e., the statement of net assets and the statement of changes in net assets) report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish. Business-type activities, which rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support are the only activities reported in the government-wide financial statements.

The statement of activities demonstrates the degree to which the direct expenses of a given function or segments are offset by program revenues. Direct expenses are those that are clearly identifiable with a specific function or segment. Program revenues include charges to customers or applicants who purchase, use or directly benefit from goods, services, or privileges provided by a given function or segment.

B. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting, and Financial Statement Presentation

The government-wide financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows.

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish reports the following proprietary fund:

The Proprietary Fund accounts for operations (a) where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges, or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Private-sector standards of accounting and financial reporting issued prior to December 1, 1989, generally are followed in both the government-wide and proprietary fund financial statements to the extent that those standards do not conflict with or contradict guidance of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. Governments also have the option of following subsequent private-sector guidance for their business-type activities and enterprise funds, subject to this same limitation. The government has elected not to follow subsequent private-sector guidance.

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

Amounts reported as program revenues include charges to customers or applicants for goods, services, or privileges provided. Internally dedicated resources are reported as general revenues rather than as program revenues.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. Charges for services of providing water and sewer services to residents comprise the operating revenue of the District's enterprise fund. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expense, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the entity's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

C. Deposits and Investments

The District's cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits, and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition. State law and Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's investment policy allow the entity to invest in collateralized certificates of deposits, government backed securities, commercial paper, the state sponsored investment pool, and mutual funds consisting solely of government backed securities.

D. Receivables and Payables

A customer deposit fee is collected at the time a customer's account is established. Due to the policy of the District concerning delinquent accounts, this fee covers the majority of the delinquent accounts, and any allowance account would be immaterial, therefore one has not been established.

E. Prepaid Items

Certain payments to vendors reflect costs applicable to future accounting periods and are recorded as prepaid items in both government-wide and fund financial statements.

F. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment, and infrastructure assets (e.g., roads, bridges, sidewalks, and similar items), are reported in the business-type activities column in the government-wide financial statements. Capital assets are capitalized at historical cost or estimated cost if historical cost is not available. Donated assets are recorded as capital assets at their estimated fair market value at the date of donation. The District maintains a threshold level of \$5,000 or more for capitalizing capital assets.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend assets lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed. There was no interest expense incurred during the year therefore no interest was included as part of the cost of capital assets under construction in connection with the District's construction projects.

All capital assets, other than land and work in progress, are depreciated using the straight-line method over the following useful lives:

<u>Description</u>	<u>Estimated Lives</u>
Distribution system	40-50 years
Buildings and building improvements	40-50 years
Furniture and fixtures	5-15 years
Equipment	3-15 years

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

G. Compensated Absences

The District has the following policy relating to annual leave:

Two weeks annual leave for salaried employees based upon the number of days worked per week. Unused annual leave cannot be carried over.

II. Extraordinary and Special Items

Extraordinary items are transactions or events that are both unusual in nature and infrequent in occurrence. Special items are transactions or events within the control of the District, which are either unusual in nature or infrequent in occurrence.

I. Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent 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.

2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

At December 31, 2009, the District has cash (book balances) totaling \$2,194,373 as follows:

Demand deposits	\$ 1,192,187
Petty cash	590
Savings account	<u>1,001,596</u>
Total	<u>\$ 2,194,373</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 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, 2009, the District has \$2,202,178 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$500,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$1,702,178 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, R.S. 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

3. RECEIVABLES

The receivables of \$94,097 at December 31, 2009, are as follows:

	Proprietary
<u>Class of receivable</u>	<u>Fund</u>
Accounts	<u>\$ 94,097</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Continued)

4. CAPITAL ASSETS

Capital assets and depreciation activity as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, for the primary government is as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Assets Transferred In	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Business-type activities:					
Capital assets, not being depreciated					
Land	\$ 9,605	\$ 25,168	\$ 33,885	\$ -	\$ 68,658
Work in progress	-	-	20,201	-	20,201
Total capital assets, not being depreciated	<u>9,605</u>	<u>25,168</u>	<u>54,086</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>88,859</u>
Capital assets being depreciated					
Buildings	34,000	-	-	-	34,000
Utility plant and improvements	5,539,357	7,896,809	216,108	-	13,652,274
Machinery and equipment	196,577	286,990	53,135	-	536,702
Furniture and fixtures	1,155	4,310	5,900	-	11,365
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>5,771,089</u>	<u>8,188,109</u>	<u>275,143</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14,234,341</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Buildings	4,724	-	850	-	5,574
Utility plant and improvements	2,346,661	3,082,285	401,076	-	5,830,022
Machinery and equipment	53,515	34,110	33,272	-	120,897
Furniture and fixtures	1,155	1,311	643	-	3,109
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,406,055</u>	<u>3,117,706</u>	<u>435,841</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>5,939,602</u>
Total business-type assets being depreciated, net	<u>\$ 3,365,034</u>	<u>\$ 5,070,403</u>	<u>\$ (160,698)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 8,274,739</u>

5. ACCOUNTS AND OTHER PAYABLES

The payables of \$52,793 at December 31, 2009, are as follows:

	Proprietary Fund
Accounts	\$ 45,606
Payroll taxes	7,187
Total	<u>\$ 52,793</u>

6. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS

All employees of the District are members of the Federal Social Security System. The District contributes 7.65% of gross salaries up the appropriate statutory limits to that system. The Federal Social Security System administrates the plan and pays benefits.

7. CONSTRUCTION COMMITMENTS

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish has an active construction project as of December 31, 2009. At year end the commitments with contractors are as follows:

Project	Spent to Date	Remaining Commitment
Camp Edgewood Road Waterline Project	<u>\$ 20,201</u>	<u>\$ 191,316</u>

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Notes to the Financial Statements (Concluded)

8. TRANSFER OF ASSETS OF SOUTH BEAUREGARD WATER SYSTEM, INC. (A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION) TO WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 3 OF BEAUREGARD PARISH

South Beauregard Water System, Inc. (a nonprofit corporation) and Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish have operated out of the same office, shared office personnel, supplies and other contracted services in previous years. On April 12, 1975 the electorate of the District approved a ten year (10) mill property tax that was also renewed in 1985 for another ten years for the purpose of providing funds for the District to acquire the Corporation's assets and to construct and acquire extensions and improvements thereto.

After passage of the tax proposition, the District began to use the proceeds to improve and expand the waterworks systems, and to fund the Corporation as a form of payment toward the purchase of the assets of the Corporation. Pending the execution of the asset sale documents the two entities continued to share public board meetings, office buildings, waterlines, employees, operation costs and resources. In addition, through an informal agreement, the District reimbursed the Corporation thirty-seven (37%) of the operation costs, including employee costs, payroll taxes, office leases, and insurance costs, etc.

However, the formal execution of the asset sale documents was delayed due to the fact that the Corporation was *burdened with existing debt which could not be assumed by the District. Thus, the entities postponed formal execution of any acquisition documents until the Corporation's debt was extinguished. The debt has now been paid in full by the Corporation, but for reasons not fully made known, the parties had not formally executed the documents confirming the acquisition.*

The local District Attorney asked the Office of Attorney General, State of Louisiana's office to render an opinion on the transfer of assets from the Corporation to the District. On May 1, 2009 the Attorney General rendered opinion No. 08-0316 stating that "it is the opinion of this office that the Corporation and District both have the duty and continuing obligation to execute any and all documents to finalize the acquisition of the Corporation's assets by the District". Therefore as of June 30, 2009 all documents necessary to finalize the acquisition of the Corporation by the District were completed and the assets of the Corporation were transferred to the District.

The assets of the Corporation that were transferred to the District are listed below.

ASSETS	
Current Assets	
Cash	<u>\$ 788,548</u>
Fixed Assets	
Land	\$ 25,168
Plant and Equipment	8,188,108
Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(3,181,025)</u>
Total Fixed Assets	<u>\$ 5,032,251</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 5,820,799</u>
NET ASSETS	
Invested in Net Assets	\$ 5,032,251
Unrestricted Net Assets	<u>788,548</u>
Total Net Assets	<u>\$ 5,820,799</u>

OTHER SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish
 Beauregard Parish Police Jury
 DeRidder, Louisiana

Schedule I

Schedule of Per Diem Paid to Board Members
 For the Year Ended December 31, 2009

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Number of Meetings</u>	<u>Amount of Per Diem</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bob McLamore	2	\$ 69	\$ 138
Robert A. Welborn	1	69	69
John M. Williams	1	69	69
Tommy Harper	1	69	69
Julian Campbell	2	69	138
Bob McLamore	12	60	720
Robert A. Welborn	15	60	900
John M. Williams	11	60	660
Julian Campbell	15	60	900
Tommy Harper	10	60	600
Leona Hollingsworth	8	69	552
Robert Ensminger	2	69	138
Melvin Manuel	9	69	621
Rex Brumley	9	69	621
David Habetz	9	69	621
Mel Pennantz	7	69	483
Total			<u>\$ 7,299</u>

OTHER REPORTS

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish
Beauregard Parish Police Jury
DeRidder, Louisiana

Schedule 2

Schedule of Prior Year Audit Findings
Year Ended December 31, 2009

Audit Finding No. 2008-1

Inadequacies in District's Accounting Records

Finding:

The billing registers to support charges for services revenue were not available. The bookkeeper stated that she did not know they needed to be printed and saved each month. Due to this fact, documentation of charges for services revenue was severely limited and I was unable to form an opinion on whether the charges for service revenue were correctly stated.

Date of initial occurrence – December 31, 2008

Corrective action taken - No

Audit Finding No. 2008-2

Noncompliance with Louisiana Audit Law

Finding:

The District is not in compliance with the Louisiana Audit Law (LRS 24:513), which requires political subdivisions to submit annual financial reports to the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor no later than six months after their fiscal year end. The District has not complied with this law for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2008. This is a repeat comment from the prior year's audit.

Date of initial occurrence – December 31, 2007

Corrective action taken – No

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response
Year Ended December 31, 2009

Financial Statement Audit Findings

Audit Finding No. 2009-1

Noncompliance with Louisiana Records Retention Law

- Condition:** The billing registers and daily sales reports used to support charges for services revenue were not available and had been destroyed during the year.
- Criteria:** Billing registers and daily sales reports are the main items used to document and verify water sales revenue. Louisiana records retention laws require that those documents be stored in a safe and secure place for at least three years.
- Cause:** The bookkeeper stated that she did not know the billing registers and daily sales reports needed to be printed and saved each month and due to lack of storage space the daily sales reports were destroyed.
- Effect:** Documentation of charges for services revenue was severely limited and I was unable to form an opinion on whether the charges for services revenue was correctly stated. Also, Louisiana Revised Statutes require that all non-exempt governmental records be available for public inspection for at least three years. This statute has been violated by the destruction of these records. This is a repeat comment from the prior years' audit.
- Recommendation:** I recommend that billing registers for charges for services revenue be printed out and reconciled to the revenue account each month. Also, all non-exempt governmental records should be saved and stored in a secure place according to Louisiana record retention laws.

Audit Finding No. 2009-2

Noncompliance with Louisiana Audit Law

- Condition:** The District is not in compliance with the Louisiana Audit Law (LRS 24:513), which requires political subdivisions to submit annual financial reports to the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor no later than six months after their fiscal year end.
- Criteria:** The Louisiana Audit Law (LRS 24:513) requires political subdivisions to submit annual financial reports to the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor no later than six months after their fiscal year end.
- Cause:** An independent CPA hired by the District to prepare the financial statements for the audit did not submit the financial statements to the auditor timely enough to meet the statutory deadline.
- Effect:** The District is not in compliance with the Louisiana Audit Law (LRS 24:513). This is a repeat comment from prior year's audits.
- Recommendation:** I recommend that the District stay in compliance with Louisiana Audit Law (LRS 24:513) by having financial statements accurately prepared and submitting these statements to the engaged auditor timely so that the annual audit can be completed and submitted to the Office of the Louisiana Legislative Auditor by the statutory deadline.

Schedule of Current Year Audit Findings and Management's Response
Year Ended December 31, 2009

Audit Finding No. 2009-3

Sales tax returns filed incorrectly

- Condition:** Monthly state sales tax returns filed by the District were filled out incorrectly by using all bank deposits for the month as gross sales. Bank deposits contain many items that are not water sales and should not be reported on the sales tax returns. One month a cash transfer deposit of over \$778,000 was shown as water sales on the sales tax return when water sales rarely exceed \$130,000 per month.
- Criteria:** Only gross sales of water to customers should be included as water sales on sales tax returns submitted to the State of Louisiana Sales Tax Division.
- Cause:** The bookkeeper did not realize that bank deposits could not be used to fill out sales tax returns since they contained deposits other than water sales.
- Effect:** Sales Tax returns filed with the Louisiana State Sales Tax Division were incorrectly filed.
- Recommendation:** Care should be taken to report only water sales on the state sales tax returns each month. Other deposits such as installation fees, reconnect fees, and transfers should not be shown as gross sales on the returns. All incorrectly filled out sales tax returns reported to the state should be amended and resubmitted to the State of Louisiana Sales Tax Division.

Audit Finding No. 2009-4

Restricted cash account for customer deposits never set up

- Condition:** During the year the District began collecting cash customer deposits for all new and reconnect customers. This money should have been set up in a new bank account as restricted cash for customer deposits. The restricted cash account was not established and customer deposits were comingled with the operating cash account.
- Criteria:** The cash customer deposits collected by the District are held in a custodial nature for the customer and should be segregated to assure separation of funds not belonging to the District.
- Cause:** This was the first year that cash customer deposits were collected by the District and the bookkeeper did not know that these funds should be placed in a separate restricted cash bank account.
- Effect:** Cash funds not belonging to the District has been comingled with the District's cash in the general operating account.
- Recommendation:** I recommend that a restricted cash bank account be opened and all customer deposits be deposited to this account. The cash already collected for customer deposits should be moved from the operating bank account and deposited into the new restricted cash account. This restricted cash bank account should at all times have a balance at least as high as the District's liability for customer deposits.

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Mr. Purpera,

We have recently had our December 31, 2009 audit completed. The following are the findings and the answers to those findings:

AUDIT FINDING NO. 2009-1

Noncompliance with Louisiana Records Retention Law.

Answer: All billing registers and daily sales reports will be kept on file for at least a 3 year period.

AUDIT FINDING NO. 2009-2

Noncompliance with Louisiana Audit Law.

Answer: An independent CPA was hired to prepare the financial statement. This CPA did not get the financial statement to the auditor in a timely manner. In the future all records will be given to the auditor in a timely manner.

AUDIT FINDING NO. 2009-3

Sales Tax returns filed incorrectly.

Answer: All sales tax returns will be filed according to water sales only. All incorrect returns will be amended and resubmitted to the State of Louisiana.

AUDIT FINDING NO. 2009-4

Restricted cash account for customer deposits never set up.

Answer: A separate bank account will be set up for customer deposits and all customer deposits already collected will be deposited in this account.

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**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 Commissioners
Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish
Ragley, Louisiana

I have audited the financial statements of the business-type activities and the major fund of Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2009, which collectively comprise the Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated November 3, 2010. I did not express an opinion on the Statement of Net Assets, Statement of Activities, Statement of Net Assets-Proprietary Fund, Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets-Proprietary Fund, and the Statement of Cash Flows-Proprietary Fund because of the destruction of and missing District's accounting records along with the merger of the unaudited financial statements of South Beauregard Water System, Inc. into the District. Except as discussed in the preceding sentence, I conducted my 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.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's internal control over financial reporting.

My consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses and therefore, there can be no assurance that all deficiencies, significant deficiencies, or material weaknesses have been identified. However, as described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management's response, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that I consider to be material weaknesses and other deficiencies that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

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. I consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management's response to be a material weakness as item Audit Finding No. 2009-1.

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Ragley, Louisiana

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. I consider the deficiency described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management's response to be a significant deficiency as item Audit Finding No. 2009-1.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's, financial statements are free of material misstatement, I 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 my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which is described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management's response as items Audit Finding No. 2009-2 and Audit Finding No. 2009-4.

Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's response to the findings identified in my audit is described in the accompanying schedule of current year audit findings and management's response. I did not audit Waterworks District No. 3 of Beauregard Parish's response and, accordingly I express no opinion on it.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Commissioners, the Louisiana Legislative Auditor, and others within the entity, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties, although under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor as a public document.



DeRidder, Louisiana
November 3, 2010