# WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION

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# AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Commissioners Wheelwright Utility Commission Wheelwright, Kentucky

#### **Report on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of Wheelwright Utility Commission, a component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Wheelwright Utility Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

#### 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 opinions 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 from 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 opinions.

#### Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities of the Wheelwright Utility Commission, a component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, as of June 30, 2016, and the respective changes in financial position, and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Other Matters**

#### Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the budgetary comparison information on page 16 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquires of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Management has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. Our opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated October 5, 2016, on our consideration of the Wheelwright Utility Commission's, a component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, 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 the Wheelwright Utility Commission's, a component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, internal control over financial control over financial control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Prestonsburg, Kentucky October 5, 2016

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#### WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND June 30, 2016

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ASSETS		
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash		\$ 210,965
Accounts receivable	•9000	48,344
Prepaid expense		12,365
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		271,674
NON-CURRENT ASSETS	s	
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Restricted cash and cash equivalents		492,175
Capital Assets:		0.004.440
Property, plant and equipment	2	3,201,143
Less: accumulated depreciation		(2,092,939)
Net property and equipment		1,108,204
Construction in progress		5,000 480,958
Total Capital Assets		1,594,162
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS		2,086,337
TOTAL NON-CONNENT ASSETS		2,000,007
TOTAL ASSETS		\$
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable		\$ 21,271
Payroll taxes and related costs		1,216
Accrued Interest payable	5	8,280
Customer deposits		36,135
Current portion of long-term debt		25,440
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES		92,342
NONCURRENT LIABILITIES		
Long-term debt, less current portion,		
net of unamortized discount of \$5,103		659,744
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		659,744
TOTAL LIABILITIES		752,086
NET POSITION		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt		1,234,669
Restricted for capital project		124,804
Restricted for debt service		33,400
Unrestricted		213,052
TOTAL NET POSITION		1,605,925
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION	1	\$2,358,011

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

WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION
PROPRIETARY FUND
For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

Charges for services		\$ 422,355
Collection and late fees		462
Tap fees		1,030
Other revenues		845
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES		424,692
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Salaries and wages		152,260
Employee benefit		1,630
Payroll taxes	1	13,540
Workers' compensation		4,870
Maintenance materials and supplies		1,211
Water operating expenses	4.5	21,903
Sewer operating expenses		28,330
Gas operating expenses		66,483
Contractual services		15,188
Insurance		7,887
Bond		252
Legal and professional services		22,722
Office expenses		3,274
Postage		2,644
Utilities		46,562
Telephone		4,392
Depreciation		79,936
Gasoline and diesel fuel		5,805
Service charges		62
		3,074
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES		482,025
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)		(57,333)
NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSE)		
Cessation payments		120,000
Interest income		51
Dividend income		4
Interest expense		(24,693)
Administrative and trustee fees for bond		(1,772)
Amortization expense of bond discount		(207)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)		 93,383
CHANGE IN NET POSITION		36,050
TOTAL NET POSITION - BEGINNING		1,569,875
TOTAL NET POSIFION - ENDING		\$ 1,605,925
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### WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS PROPRIETARY FUND For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

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CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES Receipts from customers Payments to suppliers Payments to employees Customer meter deposits NET CASH USED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$	425,744 (221,628) (167,335) 2,810 39,591
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES Cessation payments received NET CASH PROVIDED BY NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	-	120,000 120,000
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES Acquisition and construction of capital assets Principal paid on long-term debt Interest paid Administrative and trustee fees for bond NET CASH PROVIDED BY CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES		(300) (27,876) (24,818) (1,787) (54,781)
CASH FLOW FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES Interest and dividends on cash and cash equivalents NET CASH PROVIDED BY INVESTING ACTIVITIES	-	55 55
NET INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		104,865
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, BEGINNING OF YEAR	-	598,275
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF YEAR	\$_	703,140
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Operating income (loss) Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities	\$	(57,333)
Depreciation Change in assets and liabilities: Account receivables Prepaid expenses Accounts and other payables Customer deposits		79,936 1,052 512 12,614 2,810
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES	\$_	39,591
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### **General Statement**

The Wheelwright Utility Commission (the "Commission") consists of municipally owned water, sewer, and gas facilities servicing approximately 350 homes and businesses in and around Wheelwright, Kentucky, including the Otter Creek Correctional Center.

#### Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting and reporting policies of the Commission conform to generally accepted accounting policies applicable to state and local governments. The following significant accounting policies were applied on the preparation of the accompanying financial statements.

### A. <u>Reporting Entity</u>

The financial statements include only the amounts of the Wheelwright Utility Commission, a component unit of the City of Wheelwright. The system was created and ordered to function as provided by City ordinance. The utility board members are authorized to operate and maintain the facility as well as control all aspects of daily activities including personnel issues and financial decisions. The city commissioners retain the right to set rates and have the power to add and remove utility board members. In addition, the City guarantees the repayment of revenue bonds issued to construct the system.

### B. Basis of Presentation: Fund Accounting

The accounts of the Wheelwright Utility Commission are organized on the basis of proprietor fund type with its own self-balancing accounts that comprise its assets, liabilities, net assets, revenues, and expenditures. The statement of net position includes all property and equipment, receivables and payables owned by the Commission as of June 30, 2016. The statement of revenues, expenses and changes in fund net position demonstrates the amount of operating revenue offset by operating expenses. Operating revenue includes charges for water, sewer, and gas services. The costs to provide these services are considered operating expenses. Interest income is reported as nonoperating revenue and interest expense is reported as a nonoperating expense.

### C. Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting. Using this method, funds are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

# NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

## D. Budgetary Control

The system's operating Board is required by ordinance to annually prepare a comprehensive budget and to monthly compare actual revenues to expenses to budget to insure fiscal control of the system.

### E. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents include cash in bank and investments. The Wheelwright Utility Commission considers all cash, both restricted and unrestricted, as cash and cash equivalents for purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows.

#### F. Investments

Assets as described in Note 3 pertaining to the Kentucky Bond Corporation First Series 2014 lease agreement, are invested in money market funds. Money market funds consist of short-term, highly liquid securities that are carried at cost, which approximates fair value.

#### G. Restricted Assets

The use of certain assets is restricted by specific provisions of bond resolutions and grant agreements. Assets so designated are identified as restricted assets on the statement of net position. Restricted assets are classified as noncurrent if they are for acquisition or construction of capital assets or for liquidation of long-term debt.

#### H. Capital Assets

Fixed assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation of fixed assets is provided on the straight-line basis over the respective life of the asset. Expenditures, which increases values or extend lives of the respective assets are capitalized, whereas, expenditures for maintenance and repairs are charged to expense as incurred.

The useful lives of utility, piant, and equipment for the purpose of computing depreciation are:

Plant and distribution	5 – 40 years
Transportation equipment	5 years
Office equipment	7 years

Construction in progress is stated at cost and includes direct costs of construction related to renovations of the water plant. Interest incurred during the period of construction is capitalized as a part of the construction costs. Depreciation commences

# NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

# H. Capital Assets (Continued)

when substantially all the activities necessary to prepare the asset for its intended use are completed.

### I. Unamortized Discount on Bond Payable

Bond discounts are amortized over the life of the bond using the straight-line method. Long-term debt is reported net of the applicable bond discount. Amortization expense for bond discount as of June 30, 2016 was \$207.

### J. Interest

Interest is expensed as incurred except when interest is capitalized as a component of construction in progress. For the year ended June 30, 2016, total interest incurred was \$24,693 of which \$0 was capitalized.

### K. Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Invested in capital assets, net of related debt; consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of debt that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. If there are unspent related debt proceeds at year-end, the portion of the debt attributable to the unspent proceeds are not included in the calculation of invested in capital assets, net of related debt. Rather, that portion of the debt is included in the same net position component as the unspent proceeds. Restricted Net Assets are net assets less related tabilities that are subject to constraints imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or legislation. Net positions that that are not appropriable, legally segregated for specific usage, or commitments to outside third parties are considered unrestricted.

# L Estimates

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The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires 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.

# NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

Kentucky Revised Statute 66.480 authorizes local governmental units to invest in obligations of the United States and its agencies, obligations of the Commonwealth of

# NOTE 2: DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS (Continued)

Kentucky and its agencies, shares in savings and loan associations insured by federal agencies, deposits in national or state chartered banks insured by federal agencies and larger amounts in such institutions providing such banks pledge as security obligations of the United States government or its agencies. The Commission's investment policy conforms to state statute.

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Wheelwright Utility Commission will not be able to recover the value of its deposits or investments held in the possession of an outside party. Wheelwright Utility Commission has no formal policy for custodial credit risk. At June 30, 2016, the carrying amount of the Commission's deposits with financial institutions was \$355,807, and the bank balance was \$360,253. Of the bank balance, \$332,944 was covered by federal depository insurance and the remaining balance of \$27,309 was uninsured and uncollateralized. At June 30, 2016 total investments of \$347,333 consisted of U.S. obligations that were held in a bank's trust department in the City of Wheelwright's name, the primary government of the component unit.

## NOTE 3: RESTRICTED ASSETS

The revenue bonds and loan were used to finance construction and major improvements to the water, sewer, and gas systems and are secured by property, revenues, and revenues of the individual systems. The bond and loan ordinances stipulated the revenues of each system are to be used first to maintain and establish reserves for the timely payment of the principal and interest and to fund a reserve for future extraordinary, unusual, or emergency repairs to the system. Secondly, revenues are to be used to pay the routine operational and maintenance expenses of each system. The System elects to pay monthly installments directly to the water and gas system bondholders in lieu of establishing a reserve for debt service. At June 30, 2016 the water system's reserve was \$20,038.

Wheelwright Utility Commission maintains a separate bank account for the receipt of grant revenues from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority. These funds are designated for upgrades and improvements to the water plant. The balance of this account at June 30, 2016 was \$124,804.

The Kentucky Bond Corporation First Series 2014 lease agreement requires the Commission to maintain restricted assets and certain reserves as follows:

- a) Proceeds from the bond issuance are restricted for the purpose of capital improvements to the water system. At June 30, 2016 the unspent portion was \$310,803.
- b) Debt service reserve fund. Proceeds of \$22,000 were set aside for principal and interest payments due in February 1, 2040 through January 1, 2041.

# NOTE 3: RESTRICTED ASSETS (Continued)

c) Sinking fund. The Sinking Fund was established to accumulate the amounts necessary to pay principal and interest due within the current year. On or before the last day of each month, an amount equal to the total of one-sixth of the semiannual interest payment plus one-twelfth of the next annual principal payment are to be transferred to the account. At June 30, 2016, the balance in the sinking fund was \$14,530.

# NOTE 4: CAPITAL ASSETS

A summary of the changes in property and equipment for the year ended June 30, 2016 follows:

,		Balance						Balance
		July 1, 2015		Additions		Disposals		June 30, 2016
Non-depreciable Assets:								
Land	\$	5,000	\$	0	\$	0	\$	5,000
Construction in progress	_	480,958		0		0	_	480,958
Total Non-depreciable Assets	\$_	485,958	\$	0	\$	0	\$	485,958
Depreciable Assets:								
Utility Plants	\$	2,941,015	\$	0	\$	0	\$	2,941,015
Office Building & Improvements		87,212		0		0		87,212
Equipment & Vehicles		162,869		0		(350)		162,519
Office Equipment	_	10,097	_	300	_	0		10,397
Subtotal	_	3,201,193		300		(350)		3,201,143
Accumulated Depreciation								
Utility Plants		(1,810,444)		(73,463)		0		(1,883,907)
Office Building & Improvements		(45,974)		(3,144)		0		(49,118)
Equipment & Vehicles		(147,171)		(3,234)		(350)		(150,055)
Office Equipment		(9,764)		(95)		0		(9,859)
Subtotal	-	(2,013,353)		(79,936)		(350)		(2,092,939)
Total Net Property, Plant, and Equipment	\$_	1,187,840	\$	(79,636)	\$	(700)	\$	1,108,204

Total depreciation expense was \$79,936 for the year ended June 30, 2016.

# NOTE 5: LONG-TERM DEBT

#### USDA Series 1988 Revenue Bonds

On December 5, 1989, the City of Wheelwright borrowed the aggregate principal amount of \$325,000 with the United States Department of Agriculture Series 1988 Revenue Bonds. The funds were used to construct a water system. The bonds carry an interest rate of 5% and mature on January 1, 2028. The interest and principal payments are made monthly.

### Kentucky Bond Corporation First Series 2014

The City of Wheelwright entered into a \$550,000 lease agreement with the Kentucky Bond Corporation on February 28, 2014 to finance upgrades and improvements to the raw water intake system and the water treatment plant. The bond carries interest rates of 4%-8% and matures on February 1, 2041. Interest is payable semiannually on August 1 and February 1 and principal is due February 1.

### Changes in outstanding debt

		Balance						Balance	Current
	J	uly 1, 2015	Ad	ditions	P	ayments	Ju	ne 30, 2016	Portion
USDA	\$	114,163	\$	0	\$	8,457	\$	105,706	\$ 6,897
USDA		69,000		0		4,419		64,581	3,543
KBC		535,000		0		15,000		520,000	15,000
	\$	718,163	\$	0	\$	27,876	\$	690,287	\$ 25,440

Principal and interest payments on bonds are as follows:

	Principal	Interest	Fees	Total
2017	\$ 25,440	\$ 26,955	\$ 1,750	\$ 54,145
2018	25,999	25,782	1,713	53,494
2019	26,590	25,205	1,675	53,470
2020	27,215	24,280	1,638	53,133
2021	27,875	23,319	1,600	52,794
2022-2026	155,718	99,366	7,438	106,804
2027-2031	136,450	66,413	6,312	72,725
2032-2036	120,000	43,800	4,987	168,787
2037-2041	145,000	_ 16,800	3,300	165,100
2	\$ 690,287	\$ 351,920	\$ 30,413	\$ 780,452

# NOTE 6: COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Accrued compensated absences estimate has not been made for the year ended June 30, 2016. This cost is not expected to have a significant impact on the Company's financial statements.

# NOTE 7: CESSATION PAYMENTS

The deed to the Otter Creek Correctional Center states that once the facility ceases operations for a consecutive period of more than two years or if the facility is converted from a minimum to maximum security correctional facility, the City of Wheelwright has the right to assume ownership of the property. Cease of operations, as defined in the deed, occurs when the facility fails to maintain sufficient inmates requiring thirty employees or more. The City of Wheelwright expressed their intention of obtaining the property once the two year period concluded on August 1, 2014. The Corrections Corporation of America (CCA) amended the deed in December 2013 delaying the City of Wheelwright's right to gain ownership for a period of twenty-four months (extension period) by paying monthly cessation payments of \$10,000 each to the City of Wheelwright and the Wheelwright Utility Commission. The payments will continue until the earlier occurs: when thirty or more employees have been employed at the facility for a consecutive period of forty-five days or expiration of the two year extension period. The extension period concludes on August 1, 2016. For the fiscal year ending at June 30, 2016, the total amount of cessation payments received from the CCA was \$120,000.

# NOTE 8: CONTINGENCIES

The System has participated in certain state-assisted grant and loan programs. These programs are subject to continuing compliance reviews by the grantors or their representatives. Any potential liability that may exist due to non-compliance issues can not be readily determined.

Wheelwright Utility Commission is currently involved in a contract dispute with Kenvirons, Inc. regarding engineering services provided for the water treatment plant project. An out of court settlement offer was rejected by Kenvirons, Inc. The Commission filed a summary judgement with the Franklin Circuit Court that was rejected. Currently, the attorney has filed a renewed motion for summary judgement with additional information which will be argued before the court on October 12, 2016. If the motion is granted in favor of the Commission then the liability owed is zero. If the motion is not granted, the Commission would be expected to pay damages, but that amount cannot be readily determined.

# NOTE 9: RISK OF LOSS

Wheelwright Utility Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees and natural disasters. In addition to its general liability insurance, the city also carries commercial insurance for all other risks of loss such as worker's compensation, public officials' liability, property, and fiduciary.

# NOTE 10: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Wheelwright Utility Commission has evaluated subsequent events through October 5, 2016, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

# WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION BUDGETARY COMPARISON SCHEDULE PROPRIETARY FUND For the Year Ended June 30, 2016

			Budget	00	Actual Amounts		Variance from Budget
REVENUES		-					
Charges for services		\$	435,854	\$	422,355	\$	(13,499)
Collection and late fees			0		462		462
Tap fees			0		1,030		1,030
Other revenues			2,962		845		(2,117)
Grant revenues			1,520,000		0		(1,520,000)
Cessation payments			120,000		120,000		0
Investment income	<u>2</u>		0		55		55
Miscellaneous income			0		0		0
TOTAL REVENUES		_	2,078,816		544,747	_	(1,534,069)
EXPENSES							
Salaries and payroll taxes			187,000		167,430		19,570
Workers' compensation			8,500		4,870		3,630
Fuel and maintenance			10,000		7,016		2,984
Water operating expenses			26,000		21,903		4,097
Sewer operating expenses			84,000		28,330		55,670
Gas operating expenses			56,000		66,483		(10,483)
Contractual services			11,688		15,188		(3,500)
Insurance			14,000		7,887		6,113
Bond			500		252		248
Legal and professional services			13,000		22,722		(9,722)
Office expenses			3,500		3,274		226
Postage			3,000		2,644		356
Utilities			45,000		46,562		(1,562)
Telephone			5,000		4,392		608
Depreciation			0		79,936		(79,936)
Service charges			0		62		(62)
Miscellaneous			45,000		3,074		41,926
Amortization expense on bond discount			0		207		(207)
Administrative and trustee fees for bond			1,787		1,772		15
Interest			24,818	-	24,693	_	125
TOTAL EXPENSES		_	538,793		508,697	-	30,096
TOTAL REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		\$_	1,540,023	\$	36,050	\$_	(1,503,973)

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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 Commissioners Wheelwright Utility Commission Wheelwright, Kentucky

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 the business-type activities of the Wheelwright Utility Commission, component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Wheelwright Utility Commission's basic financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated October 5, 2016.

#### Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Wheelwright Utility Commission's, component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Wheelwright Utility Commission's, component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Wheelwright Utility Commission's, component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky 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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph of this section and mas 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 did dentify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses that we pensider to be material weaknesses. [2016-1 and 2016-2].

#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

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As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Wheelwright Utility Commission's, component unit of the City of Wheelwright, Kentucky 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 no instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Covernment Auditing Standards.

#### Wheelwright Utility Commission's Response to Findings

Wheelwright Utility Commission's response to the findings identified in our audit is as described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. Wheelwright Utility Commission'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.

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Prestonsburg, Kentucky October 5, 2016

# WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS AND RESPONSES JUNE 30, 2016

2016-1 Preparation of Financial Statements

Condition: The Wheelwright Utility Commission is required to have internal controls in place that enable it to prepare complete financial statements, including note disclosures, in compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Criteria: Experienced and knowledgeable staff should be employed to prepare complete and accurate financial statements including note disclosures.

Cause: Transactions and knowledge of accounting that is required extend beyond the basic skills of the staff.

Effect: Financial statements generated by accounting software were presented to the auditor. Upon close examination it was realized that these financial statements were incomplete and inaccurate. The Wheelwright Utility Commission relied on auditor prepared accounting adjustments to ensure the financial records were stated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Recommendation: We recommend management review the costs and benefits involved to retain a consultant or provide training to staff with accounting functions to prepare financial statements and ensure compliance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Management Response: This is an ongoing finding. Management has determined that it is more cost effective to continue to engage the auditor to draft the financial statements and related notes.

2016-2 Segregation of Duties

Condition: Due to the size of administrative staff, internal control is limited.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to provide reasonable assurance that unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of assets will be prevented or timely detected and corrected.

Cause: There are not appropriate segregation of duties in the areas of general ledger bookkeeping, cash receipts and disbursements. The two individuals who maintain the general ledger also have the ability to record transactions, prepare checks, access checks, and sign the checks. They are also responsible for collecting and recording cash receipts, making deposits, receiving the bank statements, and preparing the bank reconcilement.

Effect: This condition could provide an opportunity for misappropriation of funds and concealment of such activity.

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2016-2 Segregation of Duties (Continued)

Recommendation: We realize that the Commission cannot fully segregate duties with the number of employees available. However, the board should be aware of this issue and continue to develop policies and procedures that segregate accounting functions as much as possible. This policy should include separating the responsibilities for processing and recording transactions, reviewing the transactions, and handling any related assets.

Management Response: The Commission has limited resources that prevent being able to further segregate duties, but will implement stronger internal controls to help mitigate any risk associated with the process.