

**CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC.
AND SUBSIDIARY
KENTUCKY 49**

CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL REPORT

April 30, 2022

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Directors
Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary
Winchester, Kentucky

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary, which comprise the consolidated balance sheets as of April 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related consolidated statements of revenue and comprehensive income, changes in members' equities, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary as of April 30, 2022 and 2021, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Basis for Opinion

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. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

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

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's ability to continue as a going concern within one year after the date that the consolidated financial statements are available to be issued.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the consolidated financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards*, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements.
- Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we have identified during the audit.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued a report dated August 15, 2022, on our consideration of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary'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 solely 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 effectiveness of the Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's 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 Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Jones, Nale & Mattingly P.C.

Louisville, Kentucky
August 15, 2022

CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

April 30, 2022 and 2021

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2022</u>	<u>2021</u>
Utility Plant, at original cost		
In service	\$ 150,577,466	\$ 146,038,247
Under construction	1,401,229	992,538
	<u>151,978,695</u>	<u>147,030,785</u>
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>52,319,741</u>	<u>49,704,652</u>
	<u>99,658,954</u>	<u>97,326,133</u>
Investments and Other Assets		
Associated organizations	33,315,936	33,148,669
Goodwill	258,898	258,898
Total investments and other assets	<u>33,574,834</u>	<u>33,407,567</u>
Current Assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	1,817,875	1,283,321
Accounts receivable, less allowance for		
2022 of \$56,156 and 2021 of \$81,182	1,896,892	1,455,922
Other receivables	2,871,852	2,712,209
Material and supplies, at average cost	1,069,470	766,887
Prepayments and other current assets	261,471	219,563
Total current assets	<u>7,917,560</u>	<u>6,437,902</u>
Deferred Debits	<u>1,879,658</u>	<u>2,060,971</u>
Total assets	<u>\$ 143,031,006</u>	<u>\$ 139,232,573</u>
<u>Members' Equities and Liabilities</u>		
Members' Equities		
Patronage capital and retained earnings	\$ 66,279,644	\$ 63,058,147
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	(1,683,784)	(1,696,648)
Other equities	3,917,938	3,889,601
Total members' equities	<u>68,513,798</u>	<u>65,251,100</u>
Long-Term Liabilities		
Long-term debt, less current portion	62,178,325	62,727,093
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	175,187	209,176
Accumulated postretirement benefits	4,073,816	4,027,750
Total long-term liabilities	<u>66,427,328</u>	<u>66,964,019</u>
Current Liabilities		
Short-term borrowings	861,056	--
Current portion of long-term debt	3,216,490	3,034,189
Current portion of capital lease obligation	33,989	33,254
Accounts payable	861,506	939,226
Consumer deposits	1,126,068	1,117,670
Accrued expenses	1,736,744	1,636,006
Total current liabilities	<u>7,835,853</u>	<u>6,760,345</u>
Consumer Advances for Construction	<u>254,027</u>	<u>257,109</u>
Total members' equities and liabilities	<u>\$ 143,031,006</u>	<u>\$ 139,232,573</u>

The Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF REVENUE AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Years Ended April 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
Operating Revenues	\$ 57,113,383	\$ 50,536,833
Operating Expenses		
Cost of power and propane	37,027,382	31,108,167
Distribution - operations	2,685,477	2,416,473
Distribution - maintenance	4,002,891	3,911,769
Consumer accounts	1,714,335	1,606,904
Customer service and information	306,495	252,962
Administrative and general	1,774,016	1,631,668
Depreciation, excluding \$339,717 in 2022 and \$359,835 in 2021 charged to clearing accounts	5,944,868	5,769,878
Interest on long-term debt	1,735,551	1,706,356
Other interest	39,236	28,999
Taxes, other than income	73,570	74,137
Other deductions	56,569	64,370
Total cost of service	<u>55,360,390</u>	<u>48,571,683</u>
Operating Margins	<u>1,752,993</u>	<u>1,965,150</u>
Nonoperating Margins and Business Income Tax		
Interest income	60,316	54,106
Gain on sale of equipment	18,767	29,675
Unrelated business income tax	(157,754)	(132,541)
Other nonoperating income (loss)	1,010,233	(1,779)
	<u>931,562</u>	<u>(50,539)</u>
Patronage Capital Credits		
Generation and transmission	436,925	1,185,785
Other organizations	100,017	67,249
	<u>536,942</u>	<u>1,253,034</u>
Net Margins	3,221,497	3,167,645
Other Comprehensive Income		
Postretirement benefits amortization of net loss	12,864	12,696
Total Comprehensive Income	<u>\$ 3,234,361</u>	<u>\$ 3,180,341</u>

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CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS' EQUITIES
Years Ended April 30, 2022 and 2021

	Patronage Capital				Other Equities	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Members' Equities
	<u>Assigned</u>	<u>Assignable</u>	<u>Retired</u>	<u>Total</u>			
Balance - April 30, 2020	\$ 67,127,123	\$ 908,301	\$ (8,144,922)	\$ 59,890,502	\$ 3,856,521	\$ (1,709,344)	\$ 62,037,679
Comprehensive income:							
Net margins	3,167,645			3,167,645			3,167,645
Postretirement benefit obligation Amortization						12,696	12,696
Total comprehensive income							3,180,341
Refunds of capital credits					33,080		33,080
Balance - April 30, 2021	70,294,768	908,301	(8,144,922)	63,058,147	3,889,601	(1,696,648)	65,251,100
Comprehensive income:							
Net margins	3,221,497			3,221,497			3,221,497
Postretirement benefit obligation Amortization						12,864	12,864
Total comprehensive income							3,234,361
Refunds of capital credits					28,337		28,337
Balance - April 30, 2022	\$ 73,516,265	\$ 908,301	\$ (8,144,922)	\$ 66,279,644	\$ 3,917,938	\$ (1,683,784)	\$ 68,513,798

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CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

Years Ended April 30, 2022 and 2021

	2022	2021
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net margins	\$ 3,221,497	\$ 3,167,645
Adjustments to reconcile net margins to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation		
Charged to expense	5,944,868	5,769,878
Charged to clearing accounts	339,717	359,835
Amortization of postretirement actuarial adjustment	12,864	12,696
Patronage capital credits	(536,942)	(1,253,034)
(Gain) on sale of equipment	(18,767)	(29,675)
Change in assets and liabilities, net of the effects of investing and financing activities:		
Accounts and other receivables, net	(600,613)	(2,330,017)
Material and supplies	(302,583)	(139,195)
Prepayments	(41,908)	106,404
Deferred debits	181,313	240,621
Accounts payable	(77,720)	493,463
Consumer deposits	8,398	(48,913)
Accrued expenses	100,738	14,344
Accumulated postretirement benefits	30,103	30,103
Accumulated supplemental retirement	46,066	(47,321)
Consumer advances for construction	(3,082)	32,158
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>8,303,949</u>	<u>6,378,992</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Plant additions	(7,868,766)	(7,801,369)
Plant removal costs	(859,936)	(632,975)
Salvage recovered from plant retirements	107,557	154,064
Other investments, net	527,430	696,996
Net cash (used in) investing activities	<u>(8,093,715)</u>	<u>(7,583,284)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Memberships, capital and other equities	(128,665)	(97,931)
Retirement of patronage capital	(8,349)	(1,530)
Additional long-term borrowings	3,000,000	5,000,000
Payments on long-term debt	(3,366,468)	(3,455,527)
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(33,254)	(5,924)
Additional short-term borrowings	38,646,158	--
Payments on short-term borrowings	(37,785,102)	--
Net cash provided by financing activities	<u>324,320</u>	<u>1,439,088</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	534,554	234,795
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>1,283,321</u>	<u>1,048,526</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 1,817,875</u>	<u>\$ 1,283,321</u>
SUPPLEMENTAL CASH FLOW INFORMATION		
Cash payments for interest	\$ 1,763,564	\$ 1,746,582
Cash payments for income taxes	\$ 157,754	\$ 132,541
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURES OF NONCASH INVESTING AND FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Property and equipment acquired with capital lease	\$ --	\$ 248,354

The Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements are an integral part of these statements.

CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARY

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies

Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. (Clark Energy) maintains its records in accordance with the policies prescribed or permitted by the Kentucky Public Service Commission (PSC) and the United States Department of Agriculture, Rural Utilities Service (RUS), which conform in all material respects with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. The significant accounting policies are as follows:

Principals of consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Clark Energy and Clark Energy Propane Plus, LLC (Propane Plus). Clark Energy owns 100% of the member units of Propane Plus. All significant intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated. Propane Plus uses a calendar year-end for reporting purposes, and the consolidated financial statements include the activity of Propane Plus through December 31, 2021 and 2020. There were no events through April 30, 2022 and 2021, that had a material effect on the financial position or results of operations of Propane Plus.

Business activity

Clark Energy provides distribution electric service to residential, business, and commercial consumers in 11 counties in central Kentucky. Propane Plus sells propane and related accessories to residential and commercial customers in central Kentucky. Clark Energy provides overall business direction to Propane Plus.

Use of estimates

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

Utility plant

Electric plant is stated at original cost, which is the cost when first dedicated to public service. Such amount includes applicable supervisory and overhead cost including any construction period interest and taxes. There was no interest required to be capitalized during the years ended April 30, 2022 and 2021.

The cost of maintenance and repairs, including renewals of minor items of property, is charged to operating expense. The cost of replacement of depreciable property units, as distinguished from minor items, is charged to electric plant. The units of property replaced or retired, including cost of removal net of any salvage value, is charged to accumulated depreciation.

Propane Plus's fixed assets consist primarily of propane tanks located on customers' premises, bulk tanks, trucks used for delivery, buildings, and office equipment.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Utility plant (continued)

The major classifications of utility plant in service consist of the following as of April 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Electric Plant:		
General plant	\$ 133,702,497	\$ 129,511,859
Distribution plant	12,405,580	12,322,026
	146,108,077	141,833,885
Plant under construction	1,401,229	992,538
	147,509,306	142,826,423
Less accumulated depreciation	49,684,116	47,284,053
Net electric plant	97,825,190	95,542,370
Propane Plant:		
Propane tanks on customer premises	1,610,611	1,392,933
Bulk tanks	708,563	708,563
Delivery and other trucks	1,131,571	1,088,798
Land and buildings	765,460	763,160
Office and other equipment	253,184	250,907
	4,469,389	4,204,361
Less accumulated depreciation	2,635,625	2,420,598
Net propane plant	1,833,764	1,783,763
Net utility plant	\$ 99,658,954	\$ 97,326,133

Depreciation

Provision has been made for depreciation on the basis of the estimated lives of assets, using the straight-line method. Depreciation rates range from 1.44% to 10.0%, with a composite rate of 4.15% for distribution plant. General plant rates range from 2.5% to 20%. Propane Plus's depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the useful lives of its assets. Amortization of assets under capital leases is included in depreciation expense.

Goodwill

The goodwill has been recorded in connection with the purchase of one-half (1/2) of the interest from an unrelated party on June 30, 2000. The excess of the payment price over the value of assets acquired has been recorded as goodwill. Propane Plus tests goodwill for impairment when a triggering event occurs that indicates the fair value of the entity may be below its carrying value. As of April 30, 2022 and 2021, management does not believe an impairment exists.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Cash and cash equivalents

Clark Energy considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents. Clark Energy maintains cash deposits in financial institutions in excess of the amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). These financial institutions have strong credit ratings and management believes that the credit risk related to the accounts is minimal.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable consists of amounts due for sales of electric energy and propane. Accounts receivable are recorded at their net realizable value consisting of the carrying amount less an allowance for uncollectible accounts. Clark Energy and Propane Plus use the allowance method to account for uncollectible accounts receivable balances. Management charges off uncollectible receivables to the allowance when it is determined the amounts will not be realized.

Materials and supplies

Clark Energy and Propane Plus value materials and supplies at the lower of average cost or net realizable value.

Propane inventory

Propane Plus purchases all of its propane requirements from unrelated parties through Kentucky Propane Plus, LLC. Propane is delivered to bulk tanks owned by Propane Plus, then delivered to customers on an as needed basis. Propane is valued at the lower of average cost or net realizable value.

Cost of power

Clark Energy is one of 16 members of East Kentucky Power Cooperative (East Kentucky). Under a wholesale power agreement, Clark Energy is committed to purchase its electric power and energy requirements from East Kentucky until 2051. The rates charged by East Kentucky are subject to approval of the PSC. The cost of purchased power is recorded monthly, during the period in which the invoice is received, based upon billings from East Kentucky. There are certain surcharges, clauses, and credits that East Kentucky includes to Clark Energy that are passed on to consumers using a methodology prescribed by the PSC.

Taxes

Clark Energy is required to collect, on behalf of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, sales taxes based on 6 percent of gross sales from non-residential consumers, a 3 percent school tax from certain counties on most gross sales, and franchise fees in certain cities. Clark Energy's policy is to exclude taxes from revenue when collected and expenses when paid and instead, record collection and payment of taxes through a liability account.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Advertising

Clark Energy and Propane Plus expense advertising costs as incurred. Advertising expense totaled to \$18,993 and \$19,841 for the years ended April 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively.

Comprehensive income (loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) includes both net margin and other comprehensive income (loss). Other comprehensive income (loss) represents the change in funded status of the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation.

Risk management

Clark Energy is exposed to various forms of losses of assets associated with, but not limited to, fire, personal liability, theft, vehicular accidents, errors and omissions, fiduciary responsibility, workers compensation, etc. Each of these areas is covered through the purchase of commercial insurance.

Credit risk

Clark Energy grants credit to residents within its service territory. Concentrations of credit risk with respect to accounts receivables are limited due to its large number of customers.

Income tax status

Clark Energy qualifies as a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code. However, income from certain activities not directly related to Clark Energy's tax-exempt purpose is subject to taxation as unrelated business income. Clark Energy is responsible for reporting unrelated business income associated with its wholly owned subsidiary Propane Plus, a limited liability company.

Clark Energy's accounting policy provides that a tax expense/benefits from an uncertain tax position may be recognized when it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained upon examination, including resolutions of any related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits. Clark Energy has no uncertain tax positions resulting in an accrual of tax expense or benefit.

Clark Energy's Federal Return of Organization Exempt from Income Tax is subject to possible examination by taxing authorities until the expiration of related statutes of limitations on the return, which is generally three years.

Management Services

Propane Plus is one of four propane companies that contracts with an individual who manages the day-to-day operations of each propane company and arranges for the purchase of bulk propane. Propane Plus shares the cost equally for the labor, benefits, and other costs of this manager.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 1. Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

Pension Accounting

In May 2017, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued ASU 2017-07, *Improving the Presentation of Net Periodic Pension Cost and Net Periodic Postretirement Benefit Cost*. The standard specifies how the amount of pension costs and costs for post-retirement benefits other than pensions (PBOP) should be presented on the income statement under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and what components of those costs are eligible for capitalization in assets. This standard is effective for years beginning after December 15, 2018. The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) issued Docket No. AI18-1-000 that allowed jurisdictional public utilities to continue to record PBOP costs in their entirety, less amounts capitalized, without change. Pension and PBOP costs are made up of several components: service cost, interest cost, actual return on plan assets, gain or loss, amortization of prior service cost or credit, and amortization of FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Subtopic 715-30. Though pension and PBOP costs are computed using the aggregate total of these various components, the Commission's longstanding policy is to consider the amount as a singular cost to the employer. This cost is calculated based on ASC 715 and reported as an expense under net margins from continuing operations.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, *Leases*. The standard requires all leases with lease terms over 12 months to be capitalized as a right-of-use asset and lease liability on the balance sheet at the date of lease commencement. Leases will be classified as either finance or operating. This distinction will be relevant for the pattern of expense recognition in the consolidated statement of revenue and comprehensive income. This standard will be effective for the year ending April 30, 2023.

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-13, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses*. The standard requires a financial asset (including trade receivables) measured at amortized cost basis to be presented at the net amount expected to be collected. Thus, the consolidated statement of revenue and comprehensive income will reflect the measurement of credit losses for newly recognized financial assets as well as the expected increases or decreases of expected credit losses that have taken place during the period. This standard will be effective for the year ending April 30, 2024.

Clark Energy is currently in the process of evaluating the impact of the adoption of these ASUs on the consolidated financial statements.

Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through August 15, 2022, the date the consolidated financial statements were available to be issued.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2. Revenue Recognition

Revenue from contracts

Clark Energy is engaged in the distribution and sale of electricity to residential and commercial customers in 11 counties in central Kentucky. Revenue from these activities is generated from tariffs approved by the PSC. Clark Energy satisfies their performance obligation upon the delivery of electricity to customers. Revenue is recognized over-time as the customer simultaneously receives and consumes the benefits provided by Clark Energy. The amount of revenue recognized is the billed volume of electricity multiplied by a tariff rate per-unit of energy, plus any applicable fixed or additional regulatory charges. Customers are billed monthly and outstanding amounts are typically due within 15 days of the date of the bill. Revenue related to pole attachments are billed annually in arrears in December. The performance obligation is satisfied ratably over the life of the contract and revenue is recognized monthly as earned.

Propane Plus is engaged in the delivery and sale of propane gas to residential and commercial customers in and around the central Kentucky area, and the sale of propane gas appliances and parts. Revenue from these activities is generated from a price list determine by the board of directors based on the season and availability of obtaining propane in the market. Propane Plus satisfies their performance obligation upon the delivery of propane to customers. Each truck has a meter to measure the amount of propane gas delivered to the customer. The amount of revenue recognized is the billed volume of propane gas multiplied by the established rate. Customers are billed at the time of delivery and receive a discount if paid within 14 days of delivery. When customers request a tank on their premises, they agree to purchase all propane needs from Propane Plus.

Significant judgements

Clark Energy has multiple billing cycles that process customer bills on approximately the same day each month. The amounts billed are based on actual meter readings of kilowatt hours used for the billing period. The amount of revenue recorded each month represents a full month of kilowatt hour usage. There are no significant judgements for over or under-billed revenues because each month's revenue is based on actual meter readings. This method of revenue recognition presents fairly, Clark Energy's transfer of electricity to customers as the amount recognized is based on actual volumes delivered and the tariff rate per-unit of energy plus any applicable fixed charges as set by the PSC. Propane Plus recognizes revenue at the point when customer orders are delivered, therefore, there are no unbilled or overbilled amounts to recognize.

Performance obligations

Clark Energy and Propane Plus customers generally have no minimum purchase commitments. Clark Energy and Propane Plus recognize revenue as each performance obligation is satisfied. Performance obligations are limited to the service requested and received to date. Accordingly, there are no unsatisfied performance obligations to recognize as of April 30, 2022 and 2021.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 2. Revenue Recognition (continued)

Disaggregation of revenue

The following table shows Clark Energy and Propane Plus revenues from contracts with customers disaggregated by customer class, for the years ended April 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Residential	\$ 41,023,359	\$ 37,197,255
Small commercial	10,017,293	8,764,943
Large commercial	920,739	727,934
Public lights	143,354	137,491
Rent from electric property	699,864	668,698
Penalties	462,837	133,186
Miscellaneous services	145,196	66,890
Propane	3,700,741	2,840,436
Total	<u>\$ 57,113,383</u>	<u>\$ 50,536,833</u>

Contract assets and liabilities

Contract assets include unbilled pole attachments and are included in other receivables on the balance sheet. Contract liabilities include consumer deposits. Contract assets and liabilities were as follows for the years ended:

	2022	2021	2020
Contract assets			
Unbilled pole attachments	<u>\$ 233,120</u>	<u>\$ 215,280</u>	<u>\$ 233,311</u>
Contract liabilities			
Consumer deposits	<u>\$ 1,126,068</u>	<u>\$ 1,117,670</u>	<u>\$ 1,166,583</u>

Note 3. Investments in Associated Organizations

Investments in associated organizations consist of the following as of April 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
East Kentucky, patronage capital	\$ 29,965,398	\$ 29,528,473
Economic development loans	1,407,392	1,629,620
CFC, CTCs	778,316	779,882
UUS, patronage capital	417,755	388,835
CFC, patronage capital	298,237	310,620
Federated Insurance, patronage capital	236,930	236,930
Other associated organizations	211,908	274,309
Total	<u>\$ 33,315,936</u>	<u>\$ 33,148,669</u>

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 3. Investments in Associated Organizations (Continued)

Clark Energy records patronage capital assigned by associated organizations in the year in which such assignments are received. The Capital Term Certificates (CTCs) of National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) are recorded at cost. The CTCs were purchased from CFC as a condition of obtaining long-term financing. The CTCs bear interest ranging from zero to 5.00% and are scheduled to mature at varying times from 2025 to 2080. The economic development loans are secured by a portion of the assets pledged by Clark Energy's consumers or guarantees from local banks. The notes are zero interest rate loans.

Note 4. Patronage Capital

Under provisions of the long-term debt agreement, return to patrons of capital contributed by them is limited to amounts which would not allow the total equities and margins to be less than 30.00% of total assets, except that distributions may be made to estates of deceased patrons. The debt agreement provides, however, that should such distributions to estates not exceed 25.00% of the net margins for the next preceding year, Clark Energy may distribute the difference between 25.00% and the payments made to such estates. Clark Energy's equity at April 30, 2022 and 2021 was 47.90% and 46.86% of total assets, respectively.

Note 5. Long-Term Debt

All assets of Clark Energy, except vehicles, are pledged as collateral on the long-term debt to RUS, Federal Financing Bank (FFB), and CFC under a joint mortgage agreement. The long-term debt is due in quarterly and monthly installments of varying amounts through 2056. Long-term debt consists of the following as of April 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Clark Energy		
Notes due FFB, 1.118% - 4.506%	\$ 57,985,647	\$ 57,187,639
Economic Development, USDA, no interest	1,444,430	1,648,139
Notes due CFC:		
Notes due at 3.65% - 4.65%	1,098,985	1,251,278
Notes to fund prepaid pension cost, 4.55% - 4.65%	115,967	354,465
Notes to refinance RUS loans, 3.50%	4,749,786	5,319,761
	65,394,815	65,761,282
Less current portion	3,216,490	3,034,189
Long-term portion	<u>\$ 62,178,325</u>	<u>\$ 62,727,093</u>

The interest rates on the notes to CFC are subject to repricing at various dates for each individual note. RUS assesses 12.5 basis points to administer the FFB loans. As of April 30, 2022 and 2021, there was \$2,912,000 and zero of FFB loan funds unadvanced, respectively. These funds were used for plant additions.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 5. Long-Term Debt (Continued)

As of April 30, 2022, the annual principal portion of long-term debt outstanding for the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

2023	\$ 3,216,490
2024	3,201,289
2025	3,322,089
2026	3,401,647
2027	6,451,055
Thereafter	45,802,245
	<u>\$ 65,394,815</u>

Note 6. Short-Term Borrowings

Clark Energy had a short-term line of credit of \$8,500,000 available from CFC as of April 30, 2022 and 2021. Advances against the line of credit were \$861,056 and zero as of April 30, 2022 and 2021, respectively. The interest rate was 2.45% as of April 30, 2022 and 2021, and the line of credit matures in December 2049. In June 2019, Clark Energy obtained a line of credit of \$5,000,000 available from CoBank. There were no advances against the line of credit as of April 30, 2022 and 2021, and the line of credit matures in February 2023.

Note 7. Pension Plans

All eligible employees of Clark Energy participate in the NRECA Retirement and Security Plan (RS Plan), a defined benefit pension plan qualified under section 401 and tax exempt under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code. It is a multiemployer plan under the accounting standards. The Plan sponsor's identification number is 53-0116145 and the Plan Number is 333. A unique characteristic of a multiemployer plan compared to a single employer plan is that all plan assets are available to pay benefits of any plan participant. Separate asset accounts are not maintained for participating employers. This means that assets contributed by one employer may be used to provide benefits to employees of other participating employers.

Clark Energy's contributions to the RS Plan in 2022 and 2021 represent less than 5.00% of the total contributions made to the plan by all participating employers. Clark Energy made contributions to the plan of \$829,401 in 2022 and \$659,034 in 2021. There have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2022 and 2021. The benefit rate is 2.0 for employees hired prior to December 31, 2016, and 1.75 for employees hired after December 31, 2016.

In the RS Plan, a "zone status" determination is not required, and therefore not determined, under the Pension Protection Act (PPA) of 2006. In addition, the accumulated benefit obligations and plan assets are not determined or allocated separately by individual employer. In total, the RS Plan was over 85 percent funded at January 1, 2022 and 2021 based on the PPA funding target and PPA actuarial value of assets on those dates. Because the provisions of the PPA do not apply to the RS Plan, funding improvement plans and surcharges are not applicable. Future contribution requirements are determined each year as part of the actuarial valuation of the plan and may change as a result of plan experience.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 7. Pension Plans (Continued)

At the December 2012 meeting of the I&FS Committee of the NRECA Board of Directors, the Committee approved an option to allow participating cooperatives in the RS Plan (a defined benefit multiemployer pension plan) to make a prepayment and reduce future required contributions. The prepayment amount is a cooperative share, as of January 1, 2013, of future contributions required to fund the RS Plan's unfunded value of benefits earned to date using Plan actuarial valuation assumptions. The prepayment amount will typically equal approximately 2.5 times a cooperative's annual RS Plan required contribution as of January 1, 2013. After making the prepayment, for most cooperatives the billing rate is reduced by approximately 25%, retroactive to January 1, 2013. The 25% differential in billing rates is expected to continue for approximately 15 years. However, changes in interest rates, asset returns and other plan experience different from that expected, plan assumptions changes, and other factors may have an impact on the differential in billing rates and the 15-year period.

Two prepayment options were available to participating cooperatives:

1. Use current assets to make the prepayment over a period of not more than 4 years, or,
2. Borrow funds sufficient to make the prepayment in a lump sum, with the prepayment of the borrowed amount determined by the loan's amortization schedule.

On February 14, 2013, RUS issued a memorandum to all of its borrowers regarding the proper accounting treatment of the RS Plan prepayment. RUS stipulated that the prepayment shall be recorded as a long-term prepayment in Account 186, Miscellaneous Deferred Debits. This prepaid expense shall be amortized to Account 926, Employee Pensions and Benefits, over a ten-year period. Alternatively, RUS borrowers may calculate the amortization period by subtracting the cooperative's average age of its workforce as provided by NRECA from the cooperative's normal retirement age under the RS Plan, up to a maximum period of 20 years. If the entity chooses to finance the prepayment, interest expense associated with the loan shall be recorded in the year incurred as is required under the RUS Uniform System of Accounts (USoA).

Section 6.13(e) of the RUS Loan Contract limits the amount of unsecured debt that a borrower may incur to 15% on net utility plant if the equity level of the borrower, after considering such unsecured debt, is below 30% of its total assets, unless the borrower obtains RUS consent. RUS will consider any unsecured debt associated with the RS Plan prepayment to be permitted debt and accordingly, it will be excluded from the application of Section 6.13(e). During May, 2013, Clark Energy made an accelerated payment to NRECA in the amount of \$2,753,407. The payment was funded with \$1,000,000 from general funds and the remaining from a 6-year loan with CFC. The amount was recorded as a deferred debit and is being amortized over 15 years through the benefits matrix in the amount of \$168,264.

Propane Plus has a profit-sharing plan where employees, managers, and the chief operating officer receive a portion of the net profits. The profit-sharing percentage was 14% for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020. The pension contribution amount was \$101,413 and \$93,910 for the years ended December 31, 2021 and 2020, respectively.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 8. Postretirement Benefits

Clark Energy sponsors a defined benefit plan that provides medical insurance coverage to retirees and their dependents. Participating retirees contribute a portion of the cost of coverage. The following is a reconciliation of the postretirement obligation. The plan is unfunded and there have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2022 and 2021.

The funded status of the plan was as follows as of April 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Projected benefit obligation	\$ (4,073,816)	\$ (4,027,750)
Plan assets at fair value	-	-
Funded status (deficit)	<u>\$ (4,073,816)</u>	<u>\$ (4,027,750)</u>

The components of net periodic postretirement benefit cost are as follows as of and for the year ended April 30, 2022 and 2021:

	2022	2021
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	\$ 4,027,750	\$ 3,997,647
Components of net periodic benefit cost:		
Service cost	34,227	31,595
Interest cost	67,309	67,309
Net periodic benefit cost	101,536	98,904
Benefits paid	(55,470)	(68,801)
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$ 4,073,816</u>	<u>\$ 4,027,750</u>

Amounts recognized in the balance sheet consists of:

Accumulated postretirement benefits	<u>\$ 4,073,816</u>	<u>\$ 4,027,750</u>
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Amounts included in other comprehensive income:

Amortization of net loss	<u>\$ 12,864</u>	<u>\$ 12,696</u>
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Effect of 1% increase in the health care trend:

Postemployment benefit obligation	\$ 4,298,000
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 107,100

For measurement purposes, an annual rate of increase of 6.00% in 2022, then decreasing by .25% per year until 3.00% per year, in the per capita cost of covered healthcare benefit was assumed. The discount rate used in determining the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was 4.50% in 2022 and 2021.

Projected retiree benefit payments for the next five years are expected to be as follows: 2023 - \$54,048; 2024 - \$50,507; 2025 - \$50,171; 2026 - \$49,543; 2027 - \$49,081.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 9. Capital Lease Obligation

In February 2021 Clark Energy entered into a lease agreement for a truck. The economic substance of the lease is that Clark Energy is financing the acquisition of the truck through the lease, and accordingly, the lease is recorded as an asset and liability on the consolidated balance sheet.

Future minimum lease payments are as follows for the years ending April 30:

2023	\$ 38,230
2024	38,230
2025	38,230
2026	38,230
2027	38,230
Thereafter	<u>31,860</u>
	\$ 223,012
Less amounts representing interest	<u>(13,836)</u>
Present value of minimum lease payments	\$ 209,176
Less current portion	<u>(33,989)</u>
Long-term portion	<u><u>\$ 175,187</u></u>

The cost of the equipment under capital lease was \$248,354 with related accumulated amortization of \$62,088 as of April 30, 2022.

Note 10. Commitments

Clark Energy has various other agreements outstanding with local contractors. Under these agreements, the contractors will perform certain construction, maintenance, and other work at specified hourly rates or unit cost, or on an as needed basis. The duration of these contracts are one to three years.

Note 11. Related Party Transactions

Several of the Directors of Clark Energy, its President and CEO, and another employee are on the boards of directors of various associated organizations.

Note 12. Environmental Contingency

Clark Energy from time to time is required to work with and handle PCBs, herbicides, automotive fluids, lubricants, and other hazardous materials in the normal course of business. As a result, there is the possibility that environmental conditions may arise which would require Clark Energy to incur cleanup costs. The likelihood of such an event, or the amount of such costs, if any, cannot be determined at this time. However, management does not believe such costs, if any, would materially affect Clark Energy's financial position or its future cash flows.

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Note 13. Contingencies

Clark Energy, on occasion, is involved in litigation arising in the normal course of business. While the results of such litigation cannot be predicted with certainty, management, based upon advice of counsel, believes that the final outcome will not have a material adverse effect on the consolidated financial statements.

Note 14. Uncertainties

Local, U.S., and world governments have encouraged self-isolation to curtail the spread of the global pandemic, coronavirus disease (COVID-19), by mandating temporary work stoppage in many sectors and imposing limitations on travel and size and duration of group meetings. Most industries are experiencing disruption to business operations and the impact of reduced consumer spending. There is unprecedented uncertainty surrounding the duration of the pandemic, its potential economic ramifications, and any government actions to mitigate them. Accordingly, while management cannot quantify the financial and other impact to Clark Energy and Propane Plus as of August 15, 2022, management believes that a material impact on Clark Energy and Propane Plus's financial position and results of future operations is reasonably possible.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

To the Board of Directors
Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary
Winchester, Kentucky

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary as of and for the years ended April 30, 2022 and 2021, and our report thereon dated August 15, 2022, which expressed an unmodified opinion on those consolidated financial statements, appears on pages 1 - 3. Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the consolidated financial statements as a whole. The consolidating supplementary information shown on pages 22 and 23 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 consolidated financial statements. The consolidating information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the consolidated financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the consolidated financial statements or to the consolidated financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the consolidated financial statements as a whole.

Jones, Nale & Mattingly PLC

Louisville, Kentucky
August 15, 2022

CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATING BALANCE SHEET

April 30, 2022

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Clark Energy</u>	<u>Propane Plus</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Utility Plant, at original cost				
In service	\$ 146,108,077	\$ 4,469,389	\$ --	\$ 150,577,466
Under construction	1,401,229	--	--	1,401,229
	147,509,306	4,469,389	--	151,978,695
Less accumulated depreciation	49,684,116	2,635,625	--	52,319,741
	97,825,190	1,833,764	--	99,658,954
Investments and Other Assets				
Associated organizations	33,315,936	--	--	33,315,936
Goodwill	--	258,898	--	258,898
Investment in subsidiary	3,460,952	--	(3,460,952)	--
Total investments and other assets	36,776,888	258,898	(3,460,952)	33,574,834
Current Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	549,473	1,268,402	--	1,817,875
Accounts receivable, less allowance for Energy of \$39,722 and Propane of \$16,434	1,750,457	146,435	--	1,896,892
Other receivables	2,871,852	--	--	2,871,852
Material and supplies, at average cost	867,193	202,277	--	1,069,470
Prepayments	189,063	72,408	--	261,471
Total current assets	6,228,038	1,689,522	--	7,917,560
Deferred Debits	1,879,658	--	--	1,879,658
Total assets	\$ 142,709,774	\$ 3,782,184	\$ (3,460,952)	\$ 143,031,006
<u>Members' Equities and Liabilities</u>				
Members' Equities				
Memberships and capital	\$ --	\$ 1,164,000	\$ (1,164,000)	\$ --
Patronage capital and retained earnings	66,279,644	2,365,302	(2,365,302)	66,279,644
Accumulated other comprehensive (loss)	(1,683,784)	--	--	(1,683,784)
Other equities	3,849,588	--	68,350	3,917,938
Total members' equities	68,445,448	3,529,302	(3,460,952)	68,513,798
Long-Term Liabilities				
Long-term debt, less current portion	62,178,325	--	--	62,178,325
Capital lease obligation, less current portion	175,187	--	--	175,187
Accumulated postretirement benefits	4,073,816	--	--	4,073,816
Total long-term liabilities	66,427,328	--	--	66,427,328
Current Liabilities				
Short-term borrowings	861,056	--	--	861,056
Current portion of long-term debt	3,216,490	--	--	3,216,490
Current portion of capital lease obligation	33,989	--	--	33,989
Accounts payable	845,796	15,710	--	861,506
Consumer deposits	993,001	133,067	--	1,126,068
Accrued expenses	1,632,639	104,105	--	1,736,744
Total current liabilities	7,582,971	252,882	--	7,835,853
Consumer Advances for Construction	254,027	--	--	254,027
Total members' equities and liabilities	\$ 142,709,774	\$ 3,782,184	\$ (3,460,952)	\$ 143,031,006

CLARK ENERGY COOPERATIVE CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARY

CONSOLIDATING STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

Year Ended April 30, 2022

	<u>Clark Energy</u>	<u>Propane Plus</u>	<u>Eliminations</u>	<u>Consolidated</u>
Operating Revenues	\$ 53,412,642	\$ 3,700,741	\$ --	\$ 57,113,383
Operating Expenses				
Cost of purchases	35,438,011	1,589,371	--	37,027,382
Distribution - operations	2,009,737	675,740	--	2,685,477
Distribution - maintenance	4,002,891	--	--	4,002,891
Consumer accounts	1,409,278	305,057	--	1,714,335
Customer service and information	306,495	--	--	306,495
Administrative and general	1,557,252	216,764	--	1,774,016
Depreciation, excluding \$339,717 charged to clearing accounts	5,728,561	216,307	--	5,944,868
Interest on long-term debt	1,735,551	--	--	1,735,551
Other interest	39,236	--	--	39,236
Taxes, other than income	62,628	10,942	--	73,570
Other	56,569	--	--	56,569
Total cost of service	<u>52,346,209</u>	<u>3,014,181</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>55,360,390</u>
Operating Margins	<u>1,066,433</u>	<u>686,560</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>1,752,993</u>
Nonoperating Margins and Business Income Tax				
Interest income	59,780	536	--	60,316
Gain on sale of equipment	18,767	--	--	18,767
Unrelated business income tax	(157,754)	--	--	(157,754)
Subsidiary and others	1,697,329	11,679	(698,775)	1,010,233
	<u>1,618,122</u>	<u>12,215</u>	<u>(698,775)</u>	<u>931,562</u>
Patronage Capital Credits				
Generation and transmission	436,925	--	--	436,925
Other associated organizations	100,017	--	--	100,017
	<u>536,942</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>536,942</u>
Net Margins	3,221,497	698,775	(698,775)	3,221,497
Other comprehensive Income				
Postretirement benefits amortization of loss	<u>12,864</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>--</u>	<u>12,864</u>
Total Comprehensive Income	<u>\$ 3,234,361</u>	<u>\$ 698,775</u>	<u>\$ (698,775)</u>	<u>\$ 3,234,361</u>



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

To the Board of Directors
Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary
Winchester, 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 consolidated financial statements of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary (the Corporation), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as of April 30, 2022 and the related consolidated statements of revenue and comprehensive income, changes in members' equities and cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 15, 2022.

Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the consolidated financial statements, we considered the Corporation'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 consolidated financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Corporation's internal control.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's consolidated 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.

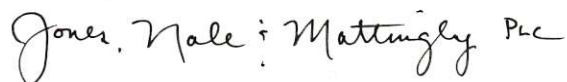
Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that have not been identified.

Report on Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Corporation's consolidated 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*.

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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Louisville, Kentucky
August 15, 2022



Jones, Nale & Mattingly PLC

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE WITH ASPECTS
OF CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENTS AND REGULATORY REQUIREMENTS
FOR ELECTRIC BORROWERS**

To the Board of Directors
Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary
Winchester, Kentucky

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 consolidated financial statements of Clark Energy Cooperative, Inc. and Subsidiary (the Corporation), which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as of April 30, 2022, and the related consolidated statements of revenue and comprehensive income, changes in members' equities, and cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated August 15, 2022. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 15, 2022, on our consideration of the Corporation'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. No reports other than the reports referred to above and our schedule of findings and recommendations related to our audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the Corporation failed to comply with the terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of their loan, grant, and security instruments as set forth in 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers and Grantees*, §1773.33, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, our audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had we performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to our attention regarding the Corporation's noncompliance with the above-referenced terms, covenants, provisions, or conditions of the contractual agreements and regulatory requirements, insofar as they relate to accounting matters. In connection with our audit, we noted no matters regarding the Corporation's accounting and records to indicate that the Corporation did not:

- Maintain adequate and effective accounting procedures;
- Utilize adequate and fair methods for accumulating and recording labor, material, and overhead costs, and the distribution of these costs to construction, retirement, and maintenance or other expense accounts;
- Reconcile continuing property records to the controlling general ledger plant accounts;
- Clear construction accounts and accrue depreciation on completed construction;
- Record and properly price the retirement of plant;
- Seek approval of the sale, lease, or transfer of capital assets and disposition of proceeds for the sale or lease of plant, material, or scrap;
- Maintain adequate control over material and supplies;
- Prepare accurate and timely Financial and Operating Reports;
- Obtain written RUS approval to enter into any contract for the management, operation, or maintenance of the borrower's system if the contract covers all or substantially all of the electric system;

- Disclose material related party transactions in the consolidated financial statements, in accordance with requirements for related parties in generally accepted accounting principles;
- Record depreciation in accordance with RUS requirements (“See RUS Bulletin 183-1, Depreciation Rates and Procedures”);
- Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of deferred debits and deferred credits, which are listed below; and
- Comply with the requirements for the detailed schedule of investments, which are listed below.

The deferred debits are as follows:

GPS System	\$ 527,691
Prepaid pension costs	1,116,659
Substation installation	176,000
Security system installation	59,308
	<u>\$ 1,879,658</u>

The deferred credits are as follows:

Consumer advances for construction	<u>\$ 254,027</u>
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Clark Energy Cooperative Corporation is a 100% owner of a subsidiary, Clark Energy Propane Plus, LLC, which is engaged in the distribution sales of propane gas in and around the areas in which Clark Energy provides electric service. The activity of the subsidiary is as follows for the year ended April 30, 2022:

	<u>Investment</u>	<u>Profits</u>
Beginning balance	\$ 959,057	\$ 1,960,874
Activity for 2022	<u>(157,754)</u>	<u>698,775</u>
Ending balance	<u>\$ 801,303</u>	<u>\$ 2,659,649</u>

The purpose of this report is solely to communicate, in connection with the audit of the consolidated financial statements, on compliance with aspects of contractual agreements and the regulatory requirements for electric borrowers based on the requirements of 7 CFR Part 1773, *Policy on Audits of Rural Utilities Service Borrowers and Grantees*. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Jones, Nale & Mattingly PLC

Louisville, Kentucky
August 15, 2022