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Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Gray, Kentucky  
Audited Financial Statements  
May 31, 2019 and 2018

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**Independent Auditor's Report**

To the Board of Directors  
Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Gray, Kentucky

**Report on the Financial Statements**

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc., which comprise the balance sheets as of May 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of revenue and comprehensive income, changes in equities, and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

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

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

**Auditor's Responsibility**

My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audits. I conducted my audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I 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, I 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.

I believe the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinion.

To the Board of Directors  
Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.

## **Opinion**

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc. as of May 31, 2019 and 2018, and the results of their operations and cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

## **Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards***

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated July 18, 2019, on my consideration of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Alan M. Zumstein*

Alan M. Zumstein, CPA  
July 18, 2019

Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Balance Sheets, May 31, 2019 and 2018

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Electric Plant, at original cost:		
In service	\$ 108,180,516	\$ 106,190,824
Under construction	599,940	387,623
	108,780,456	106,578,447
Less accumulated depreciation	44,484,286	42,174,694
	64,296,170	64,403,753
Investments in Associated Organizations	32,918,895	30,269,289
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	5,639,323	3,314,345
Accounts receivable, less allowance for 2019 of \$393,976 and 2018 of \$292,497	2,614,776	3,182,555
Other receivables	447,538	71,289
Material and supplies, at average cost	1,213,808	438,685
Other current assets	686,947	707,225
	10,602,392	7,714,099
Accelerated Pension Payments	554,025	615,009
Total	\$ 108,371,482	\$ 103,002,150
<u>Members' Equities and Liabilities</u>		
Members' Equities:		
Memberships	\$ 440,495	\$ 438,990
Patronage capital	49,483,307	47,389,598
Other equities	2,315,598	2,309,432
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(616,024)	(668,644)
	51,623,376	49,469,376
Long Term Debt	45,012,110	42,051,508
Accumulated Postretirement Benefits	3,921,284	3,796,740
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	2,676,052	2,664,005
Current portion of long term debt	2,000,000	1,960,000
Consumer deposits	1,023,559	1,056,861
Accrued expenses	1,995,341	1,937,272
	7,694,952	7,618,138
Consumer Advances	119,760	66,388
Total	\$ 108,371,482	\$ 103,002,150

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

Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Statements of Revenue and Comprehensive Income  
for the years ended May 31, 2019 and 2018

	2019	2018
Operating Revenues		
Sale of electric energy	\$ 42,209,701	\$ 43,609,509
Other electric revenues	1,627,835	1,689,438
	<u>43,837,536</u>	<u>45,298,947</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Cost of power	30,491,242	31,795,454
Distribution - operations	1,635,854	1,565,500
Distribution - maintenance	2,767,777	2,224,768
Consumer accounts	1,750,310	1,842,890
Customer services	73,162	45,995
Administrative and general	1,683,545	1,604,202
Depreciation, excluding \$174,459 in 2019 and \$215,282 in 2018 charged to clearing accounts	3,961,129	3,891,763
Taxes	55,226	56,070
Interest on long-term debt	1,175,264	1,036,437
Other interest	19,704	9,532
Other deductions	15,337	15,172
Total cost of electric service	<u>43,628,550</u>	<u>44,087,783</u>
Operating margins	<u>208,986</u>	<u>1,211,164</u>
Nonoperating Margins		
Interest income	195,930	145,475
Others	-	-
	<u>195,930</u>	<u>145,475</u>
Patronage Capital Credits		
G & T capital credits	1,624,710	891,227
Other capital credits assigned	64,083	100,663
	<u>1,688,793</u>	<u>991,890</u>
Net Margins	2,093,709	2,348,529
Other comprehensive income		
Accumulated postretirement benefits	52,620	52,620
Net Comprehensive Income	<u>\$ 2,146,329</u>	<u>\$ 2,401,149</u>

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

Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Statement of Changes in Members' Equities  
for the years ended May 31, 2018 and 2019

	<u>Memberships</u>	<u>Patronage Capital</u>	<u>Other Equities</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income</u>	<u>Total Members' Equities</u>
Balance - May 31, 2017	\$ 438,640	\$ 45,041,069	\$ 2,303,962	\$ (721,264)	\$ 47,062,407
Comprehensive income:					
Net margins		2,348,529			2,348,529
Postretirement benefit obligation					
Amortization				52,620	
Adjustments				-	52,620
Total comprehensive income					2,401,149
Net change in memberships	350				350
Refunds of capital credits		-			-
Other equities			5,470		5,470
Balance - May 31, 2018	438,990	47,389,598	2,309,432	(668,644)	49,469,376
Comprehensive income:					
Net margins		2,093,709			2,093,709
Postretirement benefit obligation					
Amortization				52,620	
Adjustments				-	52,620
Total comprehensive income					2,146,329
Net change in memberships	1,505				1,505
Refunds of capital credits		-			-
Other equities			6,166		6,166
Balance - May 31, 2019	<u>\$ 440,495</u>	<u>\$ 49,483,307</u>	<u>\$ 2,315,598</u>	<u>\$ (616,024)</u>	<u>\$ 51,623,376</u>

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

Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Statements of Cash Flows  
for the years ended May 31, 2019 and 2018

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net margins	\$ 2,093,709	\$ 2,348,529
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation:		
Charged to expense	3,961,129	3,891,763
Charged to clearing accounts	174,459	215,282
Patronage capital credits in income	(1,688,793)	(991,890)
Accumulated postretirement benefits	177,164	152,459
Past service pension costs	60,984	60,984
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	191,530	(316,343)
Material and supplies	(775,123)	(24,145)
Other assets	20,278	(40,753)
Payables	12,047	254,099
Consumer deposits and advances	20,070	(106,746)
Accrued expenses	58,069	153,886
	<u>4,305,523</u>	<u>5,597,125</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Plant additions	(3,576,533)	(2,743,722)
Plant removal costs	(551,473)	(354,659)
Salvage recovered from retired plant	100,001	24,803
Receipts from other investments, net	(960,813)	40,707
	<u>(4,988,818)</u>	<u>(3,032,871)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Net increase in memberships	1,505	350
Increase in other equities	6,166	5,470
Refund of capital credits	-	-
Advances of long term debt	5,000,000	-
Principal payments on long term debt	(1,916,455)	(1,938,992)
Advance payments on long term debt	(82,943)	(78,922)
	<u>3,008,273</u>	<u>(2,012,094)</u>
Net increase in cash	2,324,978	552,160
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>3,314,345</u>	<u>2,762,185</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 5,639,323</u>	<u>\$ 3,314,345</u>
Supplemental cash flows information:		
Interest paid on long-term debt	\$ 1,138,578	\$ 1,009,068

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

Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Notes to Financial Statements

**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc. (“Cumberland Valley”) 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 generally accepted accounting principles. The more significant of these policies are as follows:

**Electric 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 year.

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 for distribution plant. Gain or loss is recognized on disposition of general plant items. Electric plant consists of:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Distribution plant	\$100,218,142	\$98,300,513
General plant	<u>7,962,374</u>	<u>7,890,311</u>
Total	<u><u>\$108,180,516</u></u>	<u><u>\$106,190,824</u></u>

**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 2.39% to 6.70%, with a composite rate of 3.77% for distribution plant. General plant rates are as follows:

Structures and improvements	2.5%
Transportation equipment	11.3%
Office furniture and equipment	5.0%
Other general plant	4.0% - 6.0%

**Cash and Cash Equivalents** Cumberland Valley considers all short-term, highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

**Off Balance Sheet Risk** Cumberland Valley has off-balance sheet risk in that they maintain cash deposits in financial institutions in excess of the amounts insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) at various time during the month. These financial institutions have strong credit ratings and management believes that the credit risk related to the accounts is minimal. Cumberland Valley uses Insured Cash Sweep (“ICS”) services for FDIC coverage for all accounts.

**Advertising** Cumberland Valley expenses advertising costs as incurred.

**Revenue** Cumberland Valley records revenue as billed to its consumers based on monthly meter-reading cycles. All consumers are required to pay a refundable deposit, however, it may be waived under certain circumstances. Cumberland Valley’s sales are concentrated in a nine county area of southeastern Kentucky. Consumers must pay their bill within 20 days of billing, then are subject to disconnect after another 10 days. Accounts are written off when they are deemed to be uncollectible. The allowance for uncollectible accounts is based on the aging of receivables. There were no customers whose individual account balance exceeded 10% of outstanding accounts receivable at May 31, 2019 or 2018.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

**Taxes** Cumberland Valley 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. Cumberland Valley's policy is to exclude sales tax from revenue when collected and expenses when paid and instead, record collection and payment of sales taxes through a liability account.

**Cost of Power** Cumberland Valley is one of sixteen (16) members of East Kentucky Power Cooperative ("East Kentucky"). Under a wholesale power agreement, Cumberland Valley 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 energy is consumed, based upon billings from East Kentucky. The power bill includes a fuel adjustment and environmental surcharge component that is passed on to Cumberland Valley's customers using a methodology prescribed by the Commission.

**Fair Value Measurements** FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, requires Cumberland Valley to disclose estimated fair values of its financial instruments. Fair value estimates, methods, and assumptions are set forth below for Cumberland Valley's financial instruments.

The carrying amounts of Cumberland Valley's cash and cash equivalents, receivables, inventories, accounts payable, and accrued expenses and liabilities approximate fair value due to their short maturity. Investments in associated organizations are not considered a financial instrument because they represent nontransferable interests in associated organizations. Other assets are not considered financial instruments because they represent activities specifically related to Cumberland Valley. Long term debt cannot be traded in the market, and is specifically for electric cooperatives and a value other than its outstanding principal cannot be determined.

Cumberland Valley may, and also does, invest idle funds in local banks and in National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC") commercial paper. These investments are classified as held-to-maturity in accordance with provisions of the *Financial Instruments Topic* of FASB ASC 320. Held-to-maturity securities are presented at amortized cost. The fair value of held-to-maturity securities approximates cost at 2019 and 2018.

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

**Income Tax Status** Cumberland Valley is exempt from federal and state income taxes under provisions of Section 501(c)(12). Accordingly, the financial statements for Cumberland Valley include no provision for income taxes. Cumberland Valley's accounting policy provides that a tax expense/benefit 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. Management believes Cumberland Valley has no uncertain tax positions resulting in an accrual of tax expense or benefit. Cumberland Valley recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expenses. Cumberland Valley did not recognize any interest or penalties during the years ended May 31, 2019 and 2018. Cumberland Valley's income tax return is subject to possible examination by taxing authorities until the expiration of related statutes of limitations on the return, which is generally three years.

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**Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued**

**Estimates** 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 disclosures 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 used in the preparation of the financial statements.

**Risk Management** Cumberland Valley 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.

**Subsequent Events** Management has evaluated subsequent events through July 18, 2019, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no significant subsequent events to report.

**Note 2. Investments in Associated Organizations and Others**

Cumberland Valley records patronage capital assigned by associated organizations in the year in which such assignments are received. The Capital Term Certificates ("CTCs") of CFC are recorded at cost. The CTCs were purchased from CFC as a condition of obtaining long-term financing. The CTCs bear interest at 3% and 5% and are scheduled to mature at varying times from 2020 to 2080. The remaining investments are mostly patronage capital allocated from East Kentucky, CFC, and others.

Cumberland Valley has an economic development loan are through RUS at no interest to an industrial authority and is secured by either/or a portion of the assets pledged by the industrial authority, or guaranty from a local bank.

**Note 3. 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% 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% of the net margins for the next preceding year, Cumberland Valley may distribute the difference between 25% and the payments made to such estates. At May 31, 2019, the equities and margins were 48% of total assets.

Patronage capital consisted of:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Assigned to date	\$53,133,610	\$50,537,424
Assignable margins	490,613	1,128,607
Prior deficits	(663,710)	(799,225)
Retirements to date	<u>(3,477,206)</u>	<u>(3,477,208)</u>
Total	<u><u>\$49,483,307</u></u>	<u><u>\$47,389,598</u></u>

**Note 4. Long Term Debt**

All assets, except vehicles, are pledged as collateral on the long term debt to RUS, Federal Financing Bank (FFB), National Bank for Cooperatives (CoBank), CFC, and National Cooperative Services Corporation (NCSC) which is an affiliate of CFC, under a joint mortgage agreement.

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**Note 4. Long Term Debt, continued**

First mortgage notes consist of:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
RUS, 1.75%	\$744,342	\$2,852,479
Advance payments, earns 5% interest	<u>(1,711,029)</u>	<u>(1,628,086)</u>
	(966,687)	1,224,393
Economic Development Loan, 0%	1,000,000	-
FFB, 2.161% to 2.865%	42,822,667	40,135,549
CoBank 2.41% to 4.29%	3,452,346	1,697,707
NCSC, 4.0% to 4.30%	<u>703,784</u>	<u>953,859</u>
	47,012,110	44,011,508
Less current portion	<u>2,000,000</u>	<u>1,960,000</u>
Long term portion	<u><u>\$45,012,110</u></u>	<u><u>\$42,051,508</u></u>

The long term debt payable is due in quarterly and monthly installments of varying amounts through 2039. During 2010, \$3,839,834 of RUS loans were refinanced with lower interest rate notes from NCSC. During 2019 \$2,023,762 of RUS loans were refinanced with lower interest rate notes from CoBank. Cumberland Valley has loan funds available from FFB in the amount of \$13,889,000 at May 31, 2019. These funds will be used for future plant additions. RUS assesses a fee of 125 basis points to administer the FFB loans. The Economic Development note is dated November 2018 for a ten (10) year period with monthly principal payments of \$9,260.

As of May 31, 2019, annual current principal due for the next five years are as follows: 2020 - \$2,000,000; 2021 - \$2,070,000; 2022 - \$2,090,000; 2023 - \$1,940,000; 2024 - \$1,950,000.

**Note 5. Short Term Borrowings**

Cumberland Valley has executed short term line of credit agreements with both CFC and CoBank in the amount of \$5,000,000 and \$1,000,000, respectively. At May 31, 2019 Cumberland Valley had repaid all advances against this line of credit.

**Note 6. Pension Plan**

All eligible employees of Cumberland Valley participate in the NRECA Retirement and Security Plan ("R&S 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.

Cumberland Valley's contributions to the R&S Plan in 2019 and 2018 represent less than 5 percent of the total contributions made to the plan by all participating employers. Cumberland Valley made contributions to the plan of \$335,032 in 2019 and \$314,241 in 2018. There have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2019 and 2018.

**Note 6. Pension Plan, continued**

In the R&S 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 R&S Plan was over 85 percent funded at January 1, 2019 and 2018 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 R&S 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.

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 Retirement Security (“R&S”) 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, 2014, of future contributions required to fund the R&S 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 R&S 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 R&S 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 R&S Plan, up to a maximum period of 20 years. If the entity choses 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 R&S Plan prepayment to be “Permitted Debt” and accordingly, it will be excluded from the application of Section 6.13(e). During May, 2013, the Corporation made a prepayment of \$914,847 to the R&S Plan. The amount is being amortized over 15 years.

**Note 7. Savings Plan**

Cumberland Valley sponsors a Retirement Savings Plan available to all eligible employees. The plan allows participants to make contributions by salary reduction, pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Cumberland Valley makes contributions of 10% for non-salaried employees and 5% (reduced to 2% effective March 2019) for salaried employees of the participant’s base compensation. Contributions for both plans were \$237,926 for 2019 and \$258,588 for 2018, and vest immediately.

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**Note 8. Postretirement Benefits**

Cumberland Valley sponsors a defined benefit plan that provides medical insurance coverage for retired employees and their spouses. Cumberland Valley pays all the premiums for retirees and their dependents. For measurement purposes, an annual rate of increase of 7.0% in 2019, then decreasing by 0.25% per year until 3% per year, in the per capita cost of covered health care benefit was assumed. The discount rate used in determining the accumulated postretirement benefit obligation was 4.50% in 2019 and 2018. There have been no significant changes that affect the comparability of 2019 and 2018.

The funded status of the plan is as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Projected benefit obligation	(\$3,921,284)	(\$3,796,740)
Plan assets at fair value	-	-
Total	<u>(\$3,921,284)</u>	<u>(\$3,796,740)</u>

The components of net periodic postretirement benefit cost are as follows:

	<u>2019</u>	<u>2018</u>
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	<u>\$3,796,740</u>	<u>\$3,696,901</u>
Components of net periodic benefit cost:		
Service cost	49,724	54,773
Interest cost	<u>173,656</u>	<u>168,607</u>
Net periodic benefit cost	223,380	223,380
Benefits paid	(98,836)	(123,541)
Actuarial gain/loss	<u>0</u>	-
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$3,921,284</u>	<u>\$3,796,740</u>

Amounts included in accumulated comprehensive income:

Unrecognized actuarial gain (loss)	(\$616,024)	(\$668,644)
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Effect of 1% increase in the health care trend:

Postemployment benefit obligation	\$4,175,000
Net periodic benefit cost	\$237,900

Projected retiree benefit payments for the next five years are expected to be as follows: 2020 - \$99,000; 2021 - \$97,000; 2022 - \$95,000; 2022 - \$90,000; 2023 - \$89,000.

**Note 9. Environmental Contingency**

Cumberland Valley 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 Cumberland Valley 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 Cumberland Valley's financial position or its future cash flows.

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**Note 10. Commitments**

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

**Note 11. Related Party Transactions**

Several of the Directors of Cumberland Valley and its President & CEO are on the Boards of Directors of various associated organizations.

**Note 12. Labor Force**

Approximately 80% of Cumberland Valley's labor force is subject to a collective bargaining agreement. A two (2) year agreement was negotiated and approved for the period May 2, 2017 to August 31, 2019 between Cumberland Valley and the United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union.

**Note 13. Contingencies**

Cumberland Valley, on occasion, is involved in litigation arising in the normal course of business. Presently, there are no such litigations pending.

**Note 14. Rate Matters**

During February 2017, the PSC approved a rate increase in the amount of approximately \$1,680,000, or 3% of base revenues.

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Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance  
and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Directors  
Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Gray, Kentucky

I 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 Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc., which comprise the balance sheets as of May 31, 2019 and 2018, and the related statements of revenue and comprehensive income, members' equities and cash flows for the years then ended, and related notes to the financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated July 18, 2019.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Cumberland Valley's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Cumberland Valley's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Cumberland Valley's internal control.

*A deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct misstatements on a timely basis. *A material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the entity's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. *A significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

My 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 my audit I did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

**Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Cumberland Valley's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed test of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations,

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contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed 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 my testing of internal control and compliance and the result 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.

*Alan M. Zumstein*

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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance with Aspects of Contractual  
Agreements and Regulatory Requirements for Electric Borrowers

Board of Directors  
Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc.  
Gray, Kentucky

I have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Cumberland Valley Electric, Inc. ("the Cooperative"), which comprise the balance sheet as of May 31, 2019, and the related statements of revenue and comprehensive income, patronage capital, and changes in cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated July 18, 2019. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued my report dated July 18, 2019, on my consideration of the Cooperative's internal control over financial reporting and on my 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 my schedule of findings and recommendations related to my audit have been furnished to management.

In connection with my audit, nothing came to my attention that caused me to believe that the Cooperative 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*, §1773.33 and clarified in the RUS policy memorandum dated February 7, 2019, insofar as they relate to accounting matters as enumerated below. However, my audit was not directed primarily toward obtaining knowledge of noncompliance. Accordingly, had I performed additional procedures, other matters may have come to my attention regarding the Cooperative'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 my audit, I noted no matters regarding the Cooperative's accounting and records to indicate that the Cooperative 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;

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- 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 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, of which there were none.

The deferred debits are as follows:

Accelerated pension payments	<u>\$554,025</u>
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The deferred credits are as follows:

Consumer advances for construction	<u>\$119,760</u>
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The purpose of this report is solely to communicate, in connection with the audit of the 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.

*Alan Zumstein*

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July 18, 2019