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BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT BROOKSVILLE, KENTUCKY AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS For the Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Board of Commissioners Bracken County Water District Brooksville, Kentucky 41004

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Bracken County Water District, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the District's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

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

Auditor's Responsibility

My responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements based on my audit. I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, 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 that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my audit opinions.

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Opinions

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the Bracken County Water District as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

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

Other Information

My audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Bracken County Water District's basic financial statements. The accompanying supplemental information on page 13 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In my opinion, the information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued a report dated October 18, 2017, on my consideration of the Bracken County Water District'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. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of my testing of internal control over financial reporting 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 Bracken County Water District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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October 18, 2017

BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Current Assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Unrestricted	\$ 946,974	\$ 828,040
Unbilled Revenue	75,391	75,391
Accounts Receivable - Customers, Net of Allowance		
for Uncollectible (\$9,431)	147,607	133,810
Inventory	52,110	52,413
Prepaid Insurance	17,260	18,774
Total Current Assets	1,239,342	1,108,428
Noncurrent assets:		
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Restricted	241,920	236,080
KRWFC Sinking Fund	135,278	133,503
Nondepreciable Capital Assets:		terrandon for an annual
Land	17,990	14,491
Construction in Progress	-	300,744
Depreciable Capital Assets:		,
Property, Plant and Equipment	17,088,178	16,634,333
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(5,591,221)	(5,314,902)
Total Noncurrent Assets	11,892,145	12,004,249
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 13,131,487	\$ 13,112,677
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts Payable	\$ 51,146	\$ 98,981
Customer Deposits	65,919	66,700
Accrued Wages and Vacation Pay	34,495	31,912
Taxes Payable	4,863	4,716
Accrued Interest	67,960	71,523
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt	269,693	248,675
Total Current Liabilites	494,076	522,507
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Noncurrent Liabilities: Notes Payable, Net of Current Portion	4,171,254	4,378,450
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,665,330	4,900,957
	4,003,330	
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	7,074,000	7,007,541
Restricted for:	000.000	107.114
Debt Service	200,832	197,114
Capital Projects and Replacement	108,507	104,252
Customer Deposits	67,888	68,217
Unrestricted	1,014,930	834,596
TOTAL NET POSITION	\$ 8,466,157	\$ 8,211,720

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION PROPRIETARY FUND

For The Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
OPERATING REVENUES:		
Water Sales	\$ 1,512,479	\$ 1,451,141
Service Charges and Other Revenue	44,763	52,866
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	1,557,242	1,504,007
OPERATING EXPENSES:		
Water Purchased	250 220	266 766
	350,320	366,766
Salaries	229,114	239,292
Employee Pensions and Benefits	44,332	37,023
Electricity	43,207	44,428
Maintenance	27,386	21,762
Materials and Supplies	54,805	47,699
Insurance	37,572	38,385
Advertising	252	184
Accounting and Legal Fees	30,438	77,307
Transportation	11,166	13,787
Water Analysis Fee	2,619	2,813
Regulatory Commission Expense	2,958	3,006
Depreciation and Amortization	297,285	299,612
Payroll Taxes	17,143	17,534
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1,148,597	1,209,598
OPERATING INCOME	408,645	294,409
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES):		
Customer Tap Fees	24,000	25,500
Gain/Loss on Sale of Assets	-	(2,510)
Interest Income	4,024	1,005
Interest Expense	(182,232)	(184,679)
TOTAL NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)	(154,208)	(160,684)
Net Income Before Capital Contribution	254,437	133,725
Capital Contribution		
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	254,437	133,725
NET POSITION- Beginning of year	8,211,720	8,173,523
Prior Period Adjustment		(95,528)
NET POSITION- End of year	\$ 8,466,157	\$ 8,211,720

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS **PROPRIETARY FUND**

For The Years Ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

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	 2016		2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:	 		
Cash Receipts from Customers	\$ 1,504,961	\$	1,462,753
Cash Payments to Suppliers for Goods and Services	(680,669))	(614,210)
Cash Payments for Salaries and Benefits	(232,072))	(288,361)
Other Receipts (Payments)	 52,281		52,866
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	 644,501		613,048
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
KRWFC Sinking Fund	(1,775)		618
Interest Income	 4,024		1,005
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities	2,249		1,623
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING			·····
ACTIVITIES			
Proceeds From Capital Debt	62,498		295,502
Principal Paid on Capital Debt	(248,676)		(233,922)
Purchases of Capital Assets	(177,566)		(414,359)
Contributed Capital - Tap Fees	24,000		25,500
Interest Paid on Capital Debt	 (182,232)		(188,135)
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities	 (521,976)		(515,414)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	124,774		99,257
Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	 1,064,120		964,863
Cash and Cash Equivalents, End of Year	\$ 1,188,894	\$	1,064,120
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME (LOSS) TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) BY OPERATING ACTIVIITES:			
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 408,645	\$	294,409
Adjustments to Reconcile Operating Income to			
Net Cash Used by Operating Activities:			
Depreciation Expense	297,285		299,612
Amortization Expense	-		-
Change in Assets and Liabilities:			ē
Accounts Receivable	(13,797)		7,112
Inventories	303		(1,097)
Prepaid Expense	1,514		(851)
Accounts Payable and Other Payables	(51,250)		3,875
Customer Deposits	(781)		4,500
Accrued Wages and Vacation	 2,582		5,488
Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities	\$ 644,501	\$	613,048

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Bracken County Water District was created and organized as a public body corporate in Bracken County, Kentucky, pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statutes, by the Bracken County Fiscal Court to operate a water distribution system. The District is regulated by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

The Reporting Entity

The District, for financial purposes, includes all of the funds relevant to the operations of the District. The financial statements presented herein do not include agencies which have been formed under applicable state laws or separate and distinct units of government apart from the Bracken County Water District.

The financial statements of the District would include those of separately administered organizations that are controlled by or dependent on the District. Control or dependence is determined on the basis of financial interdependency, selection of government authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, accountability of fiscal matters, scope of public service and financing relations. The entities included in the financial statements are the general operations of the District. Bracken County Water District No. 1 merged with Western Bracken County Water District effective December 27, 1995 by order of the Public Service Commission.

Based on the foregoing criteria there are no other organizations included in these financial statements.

Enterprise Funds

Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprise where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily though user charges or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

Basis of Accounting

The accounts of the District are maintained on the accrual basis of accounting. The District's financial statements include the operations of all entities for which the District exercises oversight responsibility. Oversight responsibility includes, but is not limited to financial interdependency, selection of the governing authority, designation of management, ability to significantly influence operations, and accountability for fiscal matters.

Inventory

Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market.

NOTE 1: SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

Fixed Assets

Fixed assets purchased are capitalized at the time of purchase. Such assets are recorded at cost. Depreciation is applied on the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset, using rates determined by reference to Utility Standards Rates (NARUC). Asset lives range from 75 years for system lines and plant, to 20 years for pumping equipment, 20 years for meters, and from 5 to 20 years for vehicles and office equipment. The provisions for depreciation in 2016 reflect those standard rates by asset class. The District's capitalization threshold is \$1,000.

Unbilled Revenue

The District records revenue as billed to its customers on monthly meter reading cycle. At the end of each year, water service that has been rendered from the latest date of each meter reading to the year-end is unbilled.

Power Costs

The cost of power purchases for pumping water is charged to expense as used.

Income Tax Status

The District is a political subdivision created under Kentucky Revised Statutes 74.012, and as such, is exempt from federal and state income taxes. Accordingly, the financial statements include no provision for income taxes.

Cash Flows

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District uses the direct method of reporting net cash flow from operating activities, and considers certificates of deposit with a maturity of six months or less to be cash equivalents.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of revenues and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Net Position

Net position represents the difference between assets and liabilities. Net position invested in capital assets, net of related debt consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation, reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets. Net position are reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use either through the enabling legislation adopted by the District or through external restrictions imposed by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governments. When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, and then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

NOTE 2: CUSTODIAL CREDIT RISK

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, the District's deposits may not be returned to it. The District's cash and cash equivalents consist of checking and savings accounts with local banks. The District does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk. As of December 31, 2016, \$451,581 of the bank balance was exposed to custodial credit risk as follows:

Uninsured and collateral held by pledging bank Total <u>\$451,581</u>

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT

In connection with two major construction projects, the District obtained new loans to pay for construction not otherwise covered by Federal or State grants or by local funds. On October 7, 2004, the District finalized a long-term loan with USDA Rural Development in the amount of \$980,000 for the Southwestern Project. On August 31, 2004, the District finalized a \$928,000 loan from KIA for the Berlin-Lenoxburg Project.

The Rural Development loan is for 40 years, 4.5%, principal payable on December 1 of each year and interest paid semi-annually. The KIA loan is for 20 years, 3.0%, principal and interest payable monthly.

The Delisle Curve and office building projects were funded by loans through the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation (KRWFC). In April 2006, the District obtained short-term financing in the amount of \$3,085,000 to begin construction on these projects. In August 2007, bonds were issued in the amount of \$3,350,000 to payoff the short-term financing and for additional construction costs. The loan is for 20 years, 4.175% to 4.550%, principal and interest payments made monthly into the sinking fund at KRWFC.

On March 1, 2012, the District obtained two loans from Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) to commence construction on two projects. The first project is a line replacement project which was funded by Loan Fund C in the amount of \$621,000. The second project was for the Short Road improvement and upgrade project which was funded by Loan Fund B in the amount of \$475,000, of which 80% of the principal was forgiven. Both loans were financed at a 3% interest rate.

The KY 19 Master Meter to Kelly Ridge project was funded by a Kentucky Infrastructure Authority (KIA) loan on September 1, 2015 in the amount of \$358,000. Repayment of the loan began in December 2016 with semi-annual payments of \$10,624 with an interest rate of 1.75%.

NOTE 3: LONG-TERM DEBT (Continued)

The following is a summary of changes in long-term debt for the year ended December 31, 2016:

	Beginning Balance	Additions	Reductions	Ending Balance
\$791,334, 02-10 KIA For construction through December 31, 2003, loan maximum \$928,000, interest at 3.00%	\$ 486,168	\$-	\$ 47,812	\$ 438,356
\$980,000, 2004 Rural Development dated 10/07/04, due 2044, principal payable annually on Dec. 1 and interest payable semi-annually at 4.50%	859,000	-	15,000	844,000
\$3,350,000, Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corp. Series 2007 D, dated 07/30/07, principal payable annually, interest payable semi-annually at 4.175-4.55%	2,330,000	-	150,000	2,180,000
\$475,000 KIA (principal forgiven \$380,000) Loan #B10-10, dated 12/09/10 principal payable semi-annually, interest payable semi-annually at 3.00%	82,181	-	3,915	78,266
\$358,000 KIA Loan #B15-002, dated 09/01/2015 payable semi-annually, prinicpal in varying amounts, interest ratet 1.75%	295,502	62,498	7,514	350,486
\$621,000, KIA Loan #C11-01, dated 03/01/12 payable monthly, principal in varying amounts, interest at 3.00%	574,274		24,435	549,839
Less: Current Maturities	4,627,125 248,675	62,498	248,676	4,440,947 269,693
Totals	\$4,378,450			\$4,171,254
The following is a schedule of long-term debt maturities	:		Principal	Interest
2017			269,693	172,880
2018			278,337	162,613
2019 2020			287,057 300,857	151,738 140,855
2020			308,738	129,155
2022-2026			1,628,021	588,408
2027-2031			688,231	182,850
2032-2036			353,013	100,889
2037-2041			225,000	49,165
2042-2045			102,000	7,898
			\$ 4,440,947	\$1,686,451

NOTE 4: <u>RESERVES</u>

The Bracken County Water District is required to comply with the KIA and Rural Development bond agreements as follows:

A. SINKING FUND

On or before the 20th day of each month and after the required payment to the Operation and Maintenance Fund Account, the District is required to set aside an amount into a special account known as the "Bracken County Water District Waterworks, Bond and Interest Sinking Fund". The amount to be set aside and paid into the Sinking Fund each month shall be sums equal to the following amounts:

(1) A sum equal to one-sixth (1/6) of the interest becoming due on the next succeeding interest due date, with respect to all outstanding Bond Issues.

(2) A sum equal to one-twelfth (1/12) of the principal of all such bonds maturing on the next succeeding January 1.

The District had set aside \$200,833 at December 31, 2016 into the restricted account. Deposits were made to the sinking fund on a monthly basis as required in (1) and (2).

B. DEPRECIATION FUND

The District is required to deposit \$470 and \$310 for Rural Development and KIA each month into the Depreciation Fund account as well as the proceeds from the sale of any equipment no longer usable or needed, fees or charges collected from potential customers to aid in the financing of the cost of extensions, additions and/or improvements to the project, plus the proceeds of any property damage insurance not immediately used to replace damaged or destroyed property. Monies in the Depreciation Fund shall be available and shall be withdrawn and used, upon appropriate certification to Rural Development and KIA, for the purpose of paying the cost of constructing replacements, extensions, additions and/or improvements to the project. Whenever the balance in the Depreciation Fund shall equal \$56,400 (\$37,000 for KIA) the monthly payments may be discontinued, or by the order of the governing body of the District, may be diverted into the Sinking Fund Account to be held as a part of the Sinking Fund Reserve and may then be used to redeem Bonds; however, the payments into the Depreciation Fund must be resumed whenever necessary to restore the balance. The District is also required to deposit \$1,200 annually until the account reaches \$12,000 and \$1,600 annually until the account reaches \$16,000 for new KIA loans. The District had set aside \$107,575 at December 31, 2016 into restricted accounts.

NOTE 5: FIXED ASSETS

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 was as follows:

		ance				109 950	Balance
Business-Type Activities	Jan. 1	, 2016	F	Additions	E	Deductions	 Dec. 31, 2016
Cost:							
Land	\$	14,490	\$	3,500	\$	-	\$ 17,990
Plant in Service	16,1	08,518		472,316		-	16,580,834
Other Depreciable Assets	5	25,815		2,495		20,966	507,344
Construction in Progress	3	00,744		211,690		512,434	-
Totals at historical cost	16,9	49,567		690,001		533,400	 17,106,168
Less accumulated depreciation:							
Land & Land Rights		835		-		-	835
Plant in Service	4,8	44,450		252,024		-	5,096,474
Other Depreciable Assets	4	69,617		45,261		20,966	493,912
Total accumulated depreciation	5,3	14,902		297,285		20,966	 5,591,221
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets - Net	\$ 11,63	34,665	\$	392,716	\$	512,434	\$ 11,514,947

Capital asset activity for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

Business-Type Activities	Balance Jan. 1, 2015	Additions	Deductions	Balance Dec. 31, 2015
Cost:				
Land	\$ 14,491	\$ -	\$-	\$ 14,491
Plant in Service	15,996,589	111,929	-	16,108,518
Other Depreciable Assets	530,404	1,686	6,275	525,815
Construction in Progress	-	300,744	-	300,744
Totals at historical cost	16,541,484	414,359	6,275	16,949,568
Less accumulated depreciation:				
Land & Land Rights	835	-	-	835
Plant in Service	4,597,576	246,874	-	4,844,450
Other Depreciable Assets	420,644	52,738	3,765	469,617
Total accumulated depreciation	5,019,055	299,612	3,765	5,314,902
Business-Type Activities Capital Assets - Net	\$ 11,522,429	\$ 114,747	\$ 2,510	\$ 11,634,666

BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT December 31, 2016

NOTE 6: ECONOMIC DEPENDENCY

The District purchases all of its water from the District of Augusta Water Treatment Plant, through a long-term contract at rates determined annually on the basis of operating costs of the Water Treatment Plant.

NOTE 7: RISK MANAGEMENT

The District is exposed to various risks of losses related to torts - theft of, damage to and destruction of assets, errors and omissions, injuries to employees, and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance coverage for the risks to the extent deemed prudent by the District's managements.

NOTE 8: SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

Subsequent events were considered through October 18, 2017, which represents the release date of this report.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

BRACKEN COUNTY WATER DISTRICT SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION REQUIRED BY RURAL DEVELOPMENT December 31, 2016

Schedule of Insurance in Force

Insurance Coverage General Liability	Amount of Coverage \$3,000,000	Expiration Date of Policy 07-01-17
Property - Building & Contents	\$5,109,820	07-01-17
Equipment & Vehicles	\$384,392	07-01-17
Treasurer and Commissioners	\$300,000 and \$10,000	04-25-17
Workers Compensation	Statutory	07-01-17
Encroachment Permit	\$25,000	Indefinite

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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

Board of Commissioners Bracken County Water District Brooksville, Kentucky 41004

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 Bracken County Water District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Bracken County Water District's basic financial statements, and have issued my report thereon dated October 18, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Bracken County Water District's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the auditing 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 the Bracken County Water District's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Bracken County Water District'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.

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Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Bracken County Water District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit, and accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed 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 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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October 18, 2017