

NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

Chairman and Commissioners
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Salvisa, KY 40372

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the North Mercer Water District as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, 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 an opinion 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 opinion.

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the North Mercer Water District, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the changes in financial position and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 3 through 6 and the historical pension information on pages 26 and 27 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. I have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to my inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge I obtained during my audit of the basic financial statements. I do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide me with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated March 26, 2016, on my consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and my tests of 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 the audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the North Mercer Water District's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Craig A. Butler, CPA

Craig A. Butler
Certified Public Accountant

Danville, Kentucky
March 26, 2016

North Mercer Water District
Management Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

The management of the North Mercer Water District presents this narrative to help our readers review the accompanying annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2015. We have prepared this overview and analysis of the District's financial activities to add additional information to the financial schedules and the note disclosures. Our analysis will examine the financial highlights for this fiscal year and help explain the format for our readers.

Financial Highlights

- As of December 31, 2015, the District's assets (page 8) exceeded liabilities by \$4,526,496. This amount includes \$3,893,513 of resources that are invested in capital assets, net of related debt. \$632,983 of these resources are unrestricted and are available to fund the District's outstanding obligations and future programs.
- Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents (page 7) as of December 31, 2015, were \$405,456 and current liabilities payable from unrestricted resources (i.e. excluding principal and interest on long term debt) were \$144,989.
- Net position (equity) decreased by \$176,151 (page 9). However, it should be noted that this decrease includes depreciation expense of \$455,478, a non-cash expense. The water loss percentage for the year was approximately 8.85% which represents a decrease of 4.17% compared to the previous year
- The District's total debt decreased \$223,000 for the year ended December 31, 2015 equal to the scheduled payments for the year.

Overview of the Financial Statements

This discussion and analysis is intended to introduce the District's financial statements. Basic financial statements include two major sections: 1) government-wide financial statements, and 2) notes to the financial statements.

The North Mercer Water District is a special-purpose governmental entity. It utilizes the accrual basis of accounting applicable to all *proprietary fund types*. Revenues are recognized when earned regardless of when received and expenses are recognized when incurred regardless of when paid.

Notes to the Financial Statements

Notes provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the information included in the financial schedules. Notes provide additional details about the balances and transactions in the District's financial statements and are presented on pages 14 through 23.

Government-wide Financial Analysis

Net position (equity) may serve over time as a useful indicator of a government's financial position. 86% of the District's net position reflects its investment in capital assets (e.g. distribution system, equipment, etc), less any related debt used to acquire those assets that is still outstanding. The District uses these capital assets to provide services to its customers; consequently these assets are not available for future spending. Although the District's investment in capital assets is reported net of related debt, it should be noted that the resources needed to repay this debt must be provided from other sources, since the capital assets themselves cannot be used to liquidate these liabilities. 14% of the District's net position is unrestricted.

North Mercer Water District
Management Discussion and Analysis
For the Year Ended December 31, 2015

The first statement in the government-wide statements is the Statement of Net Position. The following table summarizes the Statement of Net Position (pages 7-8).

	2015	2014
Current and other assets	\$ 1,429,500	\$ 1,472,280
Capital assets	10,693,513	11,065,781
Total assets	12,123,013	12,538,061
Deferred outflows of resources	79,318	81,339
Long-term debt outstanding	6,800,000	7,023,000
Net pension liability	550,383	621,321
Other liabilities	276,652	272,432
Total liabilities	7,627,035	7,916,753
Deferred inflows of resources	48,800	-
Net position:		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,893,513	4,042,781
Restricted	-	-
Unrestricted (deficit)	632,983	659,866
Total Net Position	\$ 4,526,496	\$ 4,702,647

The second statement in the government-wide statements is the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. The following table outlines the major components of this statement.

	2015	2014
Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 2,035,090	\$ 2,063,537
Grants and contributions	11,900	14,300
Rental income	2,780	2,682
Interest earnings	7,298	8,051
Gain on sale of assets	-	-
Total Revenues	2,057,068	2,088,570
Expenses:		
Operating expenses, excluding depreciation	1,509,925	1,567,723
Depreciation	455,478	450,729
Interest and amortization	267,816	270,245
Total Expenses	2,233,219	2,288,697
Increase (decrease) in net position	\$ (176,151)	\$ (200,127)

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For the years ended December 31, 2010, and 2011, the District had water losses in excess of 25% of the gallons purchased. Subsequent to 2011, the water loss percentages have not exceeded 13% in any year.

Capital Asset and Debt Administration

The District invests substantial resources in capital assets that support the services provided to its customers. All of the District's outstanding debt has been used to acquire or construct capital assets.

Capital Assets

The District's capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation are summarized below:

	2015	2014
Land	\$ 48,802	\$ 48,802
Buildings, structures & improvements	64,316	64,316
Equipment, vehicles, furniture, & fixtures	324,292	289,508
Transmission system	7,752,242	8,052,095
Distribution system	1,082,530	1,125,519
Water meters	1,397,542	1,459,870
Hydrants	7,091	7,631
Pump station equipment	16,698	18,040
Total, net of depreciation	\$ 10,693,513	\$ 11,065,781

Long Term Debt

The principal outstanding on the District's long-term debt is summarized in the following table.

	2015	2014
Water revenue refunding bonds	\$ 1,375,000	\$ 1,470,000
Water revenue bonds	5,242,500	5,325,500
Notes due to State of Kentucky	182,500	227,500
Total Outstanding Debt	\$ 6,800,000	\$ 7,023,000

The District's outstanding debt decreased \$223,000 for the year equal to the amount of the scheduled payments.

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Net Pension Liability

During 2015, the District implemented GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, which addresses financial reporting for state and local government employers whose employees are provided with pensions through pension plans that are covered under Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans. The guidance contained in Statement No. 68 changed how governments calculate and report the costs and obligations associated with pensions. Under the new standards, GASB requires that cost-sharing governments report a net pension liability, pension expense, and pension related deferred inflows and outflows of resources based on their proportionate share of the collective amounts for all governments in the plan. In addition, GASB requires Statement No. 68 to be applied retroactively, which resulted in a restatement that decreased the District's net position by \$539,982 as of January 1, 2015. The District's net pension obligation was \$550,383 as of December 31, 2015.

Economic Factors for Next Year

As stated previously, the District has made tremendous progress during the fiscal years subsequent to 2011 in getting its water losses under control. Going forward, the District will continue to monitor its water losses and take the necessary action to keep them at an acceptable level.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact the District's office, P.O. Box 79, Salvisa, KY 40372, telephone number (859) 865-2292.

NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2015
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2014)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 405,456	\$ 544,294
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	524,221	411,228
Accounts receivable (net of allowance)	248,401	251,842
Inventory	58,653	62,722
Prepaid expenses	<u>49,858</u>	<u>56,468</u>
Total Current Assets	1,286,589	1,326,554
Non-current Assets:		
Unamortized bond issuance costs	47,871	50,686
Investments	95,040	95,040
Property and Equipment:		
Plant and equipment in service	17,894,350	17,811,140
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	<u>(7,200,837)</u>	<u>(6,745,359)</u>
Net Property and Equipment	<u>10,693,513</u>	<u>11,065,781</u>
Total Non-current Assets	<u>10,836,424</u>	<u>11,211,507</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>79,318</u>	<u>81,339</u>
Total Assets and Deferred Outflows	<u>\$ 12,202,331</u>	<u>\$ 12,619,400</u>

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

NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF NET POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2015
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR DECEMBER 31, 2014)

	2015	2014
<u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 25,906	\$ 38,253
Accrued liabilities	24,038	23,393
Customer deposits	95,045	84,187
Accrued interest payable	114,460	116,641
Current portion of long-term liabilities	231,000	223,000
Total current liabilities	490,449	485,474
Non-Current Liabilities:		
Accrued compensated absences	17,203	9,958
Net pension liability	550,383	621,321
Water revenue bonds	6,431,500	6,617,500
Notes due to State of Kentucky	137,500	182,500
Total non-current liabilities	7,136,586	7,431,279
Total Liabilities	7,627,035	7,916,753
Deferred inflows of resources	48,800	-
<u>NET POSITION</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	3,893,513	4,042,781
Unrestricted	632,983	659,866
Total Net Position, as restated	4,526,496	4,702,647
Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows and Net Position	\$ 12,202,331	\$ 12,619,400

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NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating Revenue:		
Water sales	\$ 1,971,576	\$ 2,003,293
Miscellaneous	<u>63,514</u>	<u>60,244</u>
Total Operating Revenue	2,035,090	2,063,537
Operating Expenses:		
Source of supply	629,216	673,596
Transmission and distribution	459,207	480,812
Customer accounts	169,845	176,629
General and administrative	<u>214,900</u>	<u>201,427</u>
Total Operating Expenses Before Taxes and Depreciation	1,473,169	1,532,464
Taxes	36,756	35,259
Depreciation	<u>455,478</u>	<u>450,729</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>1,965,403</u>	<u>2,018,452</u>
Operating Income	<u>69,687</u>	<u>45,085</u>
Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses):		
Rent	2,780	2,682
Interest income	7,298	8,051
Interest expense	(265,001)	(267,430)
Amortization of bond discount	<u>(2,815)</u>	<u>(2,815)</u>
Total Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses)	<u>(257,738)</u>	<u>(259,512)</u>
Change in Net Position Before Capital Contributions	(188,051)	(214,427)
Capital contributions	<u>11,900</u>	<u>14,300</u>
Change in Net Position	(176,151)	(200,127)
Net Position - Beginning of Year, as restated	<u>4,702,647</u>	<u>4,902,774</u>
Net Position - End of Year	<u>\$ 4,526,496</u>	<u>\$ 4,702,647</u>

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NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET POSITION
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	<u>Tap Fees</u>	<u>Contributions In Aid Of Construction</u>	<u>Retained Deficit</u>	<u>Total</u>
Balance at January 1, 2014	\$ 2,096,414	\$ 4,834,335	\$(1,487,993)	\$ 5,442,756
2014 capital contributions-government	-	-	-	-
Tap fees	14,300	-	-	14,300
Restatement of retained deficit as a result of implementation of GASB 68	-	-	(539,982)	(539,982)
2014 change in net position before capital contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(214,427)</u>	<u>(214,427)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2014	2,110,714	4,834,335	(2,242,402)	4,702,647
2015 capital contributions-government	-	-	-	-
Tap fees	11,900	-	-	11,900
2015 change in net position before capital contributions	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(188,051)</u>	<u>(188,051)</u>
Balance at December 31, 2015	<u>\$ 2,122,614</u>	<u>\$ 4,834,335</u>	<u>\$(2,430,453)</u>	<u>\$ 4,526,496</u>

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NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF OPERATING EXPENSES (BEFORE TAXES & DEPRECIATION)
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014)

	Source of Supply	Transmission & Distribution-		Transmission & Distribution- Maintenance	Customer Accounts	Administrative & General	Totals	
		Operating					2015	2014
Salaries & Wages-Employees	\$ -	\$ 26,008	\$ 215,573	\$ 107,180	\$ 80,220	\$ 428,981	\$ 412,444	
Salaries & Wages-Directors	-	-	-	-	15,300	15,300	14,400	
Employee Pension & Benefits	-	9,102	75,449	37,512	28,076	150,138	167,850	
Purchased Water	629,216	-	-	-	-	629,216	673,596	
Purchased Power	-	19,633	-	-	3,641	23,274	24,166	
Materials & Supplies	-	32,226	127	17,649	17,188	67,190	68,945	
Contractual Services-Accounting	-	-	-	-	6,900	6,900	6,900	
Contractual Services-Legal	-	-	-	-	5,000	5,000	4,800	
Contractual Services-Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	3,600	
Contractual Services-Water Testing	-	15,650	-	-	-	15,650	9,700	
Contractual Services-Other	-	-	27,325	-	-	27,325	32,647	
Transportation Expenses	-	25,243	-	-	3,212	28,455	34,515	
Insurance-General Liability	-	-	-	-	24,884	24,884	24,531	
Insurance-Worker's Compensation	-	595	4,929	2,451	1,834	9,809	9,247	
Insurance-Other	-	-	-	-	1,653	1,653	2,008	
Bad Debts	-	-	-	5,054	-	5,054	6,811	
Miscellaneous Expenses	-	-	7,347	-	26,992	34,339	36,304	
Total Operating Expenses*	\$ 629,216	\$ 128,457	\$ 330,750	\$ 169,845	\$ 214,900	\$ 1,473,169	\$ 1,532,464	

*Before taxes and depreciation

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

NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash Flows From Operating Activities:		
Receipts from customers	\$ 2,049,389	\$ 2,105,882
Payments to suppliers	(880,418)	(963,626)
Payments for employee services & related benefits	<u>(643,402)</u>	<u>(625,380)</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>525,569</u>	<u>516,876</u>
Cash Flows From Non-Capital Financing Activities:		
Interest paid on customer deposits	<u>(676)</u>	<u>(598)</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Non-Capital Financing Activities	<u>(676)</u>	<u>(598)</u>
Cash Flows From Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Proceeds from tapping fees	11,900	14,300
Acquisition of capital assets	(83,210)	(208,244)
Rent	2,780	2,682
Principal paid on bonded debt	(178,000)	(78,500)
Principal paid on KIA debt	(45,000)	(42,500)
Interest paid on debt	<u>(266,506)</u>	<u>(245,996)</u>
Net Cash Used in Financing Activities	<u>(558,036)</u>	<u>(558,258)</u>
Cash Flows From Investing Activities:		
Interest income	<u>7,298</u>	<u>8,051</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Investing Activities	<u>7,298</u>	<u>8,051</u>
Net Increase (Decrease) in Cash & Cash Equivalents	(25,845)	(33,929)
Cash & Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year	<u>955,522</u>	<u>989,451</u>
Cash & Cash Equivalents - End of Year	<u>\$ 929,677</u>	<u>\$ 955,522</u>

Continued

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

NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015
(WITH COMPARATIVE TOTALS FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014)
Continued

	2015	2014
Reconciliation of Operating Income (Loss) to Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities:		
Operating Income (Loss)	\$ 69,403	\$ 45,085
Depreciation	455,478	450,729
Decrease (Increase) in Accounts Receivable	3,441	30,726
Decrease (Increase) in Inventory	4,069	12,021
Decrease (Increase) in Prepaid Expenses	6,610	(28,847)
Increase (Decrease) in Accounts Payable	(12,347)	(4,984)
Increase (Decrease) in Customer Deposits	10,858	11,619
Increase (Decrease) in Accrued Compensated Absences	7,245	1,058
Increase (Decrease) in Other Current Liabilities	645	(531)
Increase (Decrease) in net pension obligation and related deferrals	<u>(19,833)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net Cash Provided by (Used in) Operating Activities	<u>\$ 525,569</u>	<u>\$ 516,876</u>
 Schedule of cash and cash equivalents:		
Beginning of period:		
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 544,294	\$ 711,489
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>411,228</u>	<u>277,962</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>955,522</u>	<u>989,451</u>
 End of period:		
Unrestricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 405,456	\$ 544,294
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	<u>524,221</u>	<u>411,228</u>
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>929,677</u>	<u>955,522</u>
 Non-Cash Financing and Investing Activities:		
Amortization of debt discount	2,815	2,815

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

NOTE 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The North Mercer Water District (District) was established in 1959 under KRS 74.010 to provide water service for public health, convenience, fire protection, and comfort to the residents of northern Mercer County, Kentucky. Several expansions of the system have taken place in Mercer, Anderson, Boyle, and Washington Counties since the creation of the District. The Board of Commissioners consists of three members, all residents of Mercer County, appointed by the county judge.

North Mercer Water District has been appointed by the Mercer County Fiscal Court as an independent unit. The District selects management, staff, sets user charges, establishes budgets and controls all aspects of its daily activities.

The commissioners appoint the Chair(person) from existing members. The Chair responsibilities are to preside at all meetings; be the chief officer of the District; perform all duties commonly incident to the position of presiding officer of a board, commission or business organization and exercise supervision over the business of the District, its officers and employees.

The accompanying statements of the District have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental units. The financial statements include all organizations, activities, and functions that comprise the District. Component units are legally separate entities for which the District (the primary entity) is financially accountable. Financial accountability is defined as the ability to appoint a voting majority of the organization's governing body and either (1) the District's ability to impose its will over the organization or (2) the potential that the organization will provide a financial benefit to, or impose a financial burden on, the District. Using these criteria, the District has no component units.

Basis of Presentation

The District's fund is an enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are proprietary funds used to account for business-like activities provided to the general public. These activities are financed primarily by user charges and the measurement of financial activity focuses on net income measurement similar to the private sector.

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

Measurement focus is a term used to describe *which* transactions are recorded within the various financial statements. Basis of accounting refers to *when* transactions are recorded regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The proprietary funds utilize and "economic resources" measurement focus. The accounting objectives of this measurement focus are the determination of operating income, changes in net position (or cost recovery), financial position, and cash flows. All assets and liabilities (whether current or noncurrent) associated with their activities are reported. Proprietary fund equity is classified as net position.

All proprietary funds utilize the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred or economic asset used. Proprietary funds distinguish *operating* revenues and expenses from *non-operating* items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and service. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenue and expenses.

North Mercer Water District
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2015

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position

Cash and Investments

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the District considers all highly liquid investments, including restricted assets, with a maturity of three months or less when purchased, to be cash equivalents.

Restricted Assets

Restricted assets represent cash and cash equivalents whose use is limited by legal requirements.

Inventory

Inventory consists of materials and supplies on hand at the end of the year and is stated at the lower of cost (average cost method) or market.

Utility Plant

Utility plant is recorded at cost for items purchased or constructed and at estimated fair market value on the date donated for contributed items. The capitalization threshold for utility plant is \$500. Depreciation is computed by the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of related asset classifications. It is the District's policy to depreciate assets one-half year in the year of acquisition and one-half year in the year of disposal or retirement.

Construction in Progress

Construction work in progress represents costs accumulated for the replacement of sections of the District's transmission and distribution systems, plant expansions and rehabilitations, and other projects that were not completed at year end.

Compensated Absences

It is the District's policy to permit employees to accumulate earned but unused vacation benefits. Employees may, depending on level and length of service, be paid for various amounts of their total accrued leave upon termination or retirement. The District accrues a liability for leave hours that meet the criteria for payment at the eligible employees' current rates of pay plus retirement benefits and employment taxes. The accrual for compensated absences at December 31, 2015 was \$17,203.

Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities on the District's statement of net position.

Bond Issuance Costs

The Government Accounting Standards Board (GASB) issued GASB Statement #65, effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2012. GASB Statement #65 changed the method of accounting for debt issuance costs. Prior to the issuance of GASB Statement #65, debt issuance costs were recognized in a systematic manner over the life of the related debt. However, GASB Statement #65 states that debt issuance costs (with the exception of prepaid insurance costs) should be recognized in the year they are incurred. Furthermore, regulated utilities are allowed to apply certain criteria outlined in GASB Statement #62 to determine if they can continue to amortize debt issuance costs. If the criteria are met, then debt issuance costs would continue to be amortized over the life of the related debt. The District has reviewed the criteria contained in GASB Statement #62 and has determined that it remains appropriate to amortize its bond issuance costs consistent with how it has treated them in prior years.

Net Position

Net position represents the differences between assets and liabilities in the statement of net position.

1. Net position invested in capital assets is reduced by the outstanding balances of any borrowings used for the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.
2. Net position is reported as restricted when there are legal limitations imposed on their use by District legislation or external restrictions by creditors, grantors, laws or regulations of other governmental entities.

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Budget

In accordance with the District's enabling legislation, the Commission holds public hearings and subsequently adopts an annual budget for operating expenses and capital outlays. The budget is adopted on a basis consistent with generally accepted accounting principles. It is monitored at various levels of classification detail within the enterprise fund.

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 amounts reported in the financial statements and the accompanying notes. Actual results may differ from those estimates.

NOTE 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The following information classifies deposits and investments by categories of risk as defined in GASB Statement 3, *"Deposits with Financial Institutions, Investments and Reverse Repurchase Agreements"*.

Deposits

At year-end, the carrying amount of the District's deposits was \$929,677 and the bank balance was \$991,702. The bank balance covered by federal depository insurance was \$714,213. The remaining deposits were classified as Category 2, collateralized, as defined by GASB (securities are pledged with the financial institution's trust department or agent in the District's name).

Investments

Category 1	Insured or registered, with securities held by the District or its agent in the District's name.
Category 2	Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty's trust department or agent in the District's name.
Category 3	Uninsured and unregistered, with securities held by the counterparty or by its trust department or agent but not in the District's name.

The District has investments of \$95,040 in bank certificates of deposit. The certificates of deposit are covered by federal depository insurance.

NOTE 3. RESTRICTED ASSETS

Under the District's bond agreements, the District is required to transfer to the Debt Service Account on or before the last day of each month the following amounts:

- Interest-deposit the sum together with the balance in this account an amount equal to the interest on all outstanding bonds accrued and unpaid and to accrue to the end of the then current calendar month.
- Principal-deposit the sum together with the balance in this account an amount equal to (a) the principal amount of all outstanding bonds other than term bonds due and unpaid, (b) that portion of the principal amount of the bonds next due which would have accrued on such bonds other than term bonds next due during the current calendar month if such principal amount thereof were deemed to accrue monthly in equal installments from a date one year preceding the due date of such bonds next due and (c) the portion of the principal amount of the bonds next due which shall have accrued on such basis in prior months.
- Depreciation-deposit a monthly sum until the depreciation account reaches the balance required by bond agreements.

NOTE 4. LONG-TERM DEBT

Kentucky Infrastructure Loan of 1993 (KIA)

The Kentucky Infrastructure has first pledge of gross income and revenues derived from the operation of the system to pay for the District's portion of the debt service requirements of the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority Revenue Bonds, Series 1993E dated April 7, 1993, which redeemed and retired KIA Bonds series 1988A and 1988B.

Waterworks Revenue Bonds. Series 1994

The District authorized the issuance of \$439,000 in "Waterworks Revenue Bonds" by resolution on June 21, 1994 to finance the cost of construction of extensions, additions and improvements to the system. On February 7, 1995, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Home Administration purchased the entire issue at 4.5% interest rate. The bonds are payable from and secured by a second pledge of revenues derived from the operation of the System, subject to the priority of a prior obligation to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority of first pledge revenues.

Waterworks Revenue Bonds. Series 2011A

The District authorized the issuance of \$1,547,000 in "Waterworks Revenue Bonds" by resolution to finance the construction of additions and improvements to the system. On January 19, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development purchased the entire issue at 3.75% interest rate. The bonds are payable and secured by a second pledge of revenues derived from the operation of the system, subject to the priority of a prior obligation to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority of first pledge revenues.

Waterworks Revenue Bonds. Series 2011

The District authorized the issuance of \$1,874,000 in "Waterworks Revenue Bonds" by resolution to finance the construction of additions and improvements to the system. On January 19, 2012, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Rural Development purchased the entire issue at 3.75% interest rate. The bonds are payable and secured by a second pledge of revenues derived from the operation of the system, subject to the priority of a prior obligation to the Kentucky Infrastructure Authority of first pledge revenues.

Waterworks Refunding Revenue Loan, Series 2010C

On June 10, 2010, the District issued Waterworks Refunding Revenue Loan, Series 2010C in the amount of \$1,790,000 with an interest rate of 2.2%-4.325% for the purpose of refunding and retiring the outstanding Waterworks Revenue Bonds of 1992 and the Waterworks Refunding Revenue Bonds Series 1996, with interest rates of 5.375%-5.5%. The Waterworks Refunding Revenue Loan, Series 2010C were issued at a par amount of \$1,790,000 and, after paying issuance cost and discount of \$63,590, the net proceeds were \$1,726,410. The refunding met the requirements of an in-substance debt defeasance and the Revenue Bonds were removed from the District's long-term debt.

As a result of the refunding, the District reduced its total debt service requirements by \$488,774, which resulted in an economic gain (difference between the present value of the debt service payments on the old and new debt) of \$327,270.

Waterworks Revenue Bonds. Series 1996

On May 7, 1996 the District entered into a loan agreement with the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation, a non-profit corporation, to provide interim financing in the amount of \$433,000 in anticipation of delivery of the Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 1996. Permanent financing was obtained from RECD on January 9, 1997, with the issuance of the bonds and draws in the amount of \$368,000 which was repaid from bond proceeds. The bonds sold were in the amount of \$443,000 and carry an interest rate of 5.50%.

Waterworks Revenue Bonds. Services 2003

On March 11, 2003, the District entered into a loan agreement with the Kentucky Rural Water Finance Corporation to provide revenue bond anticipation notes in the amount of \$1,450,000 at an interest rate of 3.4% in anticipation of delivery of the Waterworks Revenue Bonds, Series 2004. Permanent financing was obtained from

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Rural Development in 2004, with the issuance of the bonds and draws in the amount of \$1,059,400 which was repaid from the bond proceeds. The bonds sold were in the amount of \$1,450,000 and carry an interest rate of 4.375%.

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2015 was as follows:

	Beginning Balance	Increases	Reductions	Ending Balance	Due Within One Year
Waterworks refunding loan series 2010C	\$ 1,470,000	\$ -	\$ (95,000)	\$ 1,375,000	\$ 100,000
Water revenue bonds series 1994	323,000	-	(10,000)	313,000	10,000
Water revenue bonds series 1996	337,000	-	(9,000)	328,000	9,500
Water revenue bonds series 2003	1,283,500	-	(23,000)	1,260,500	24,000
Water revenue bonds series 2011	1,854,500	-	(20,500)	1,834,000	21,500
Water revenue bonds series 2011A	1,527,500	-	(20,500)	1,507,000	21,000
Bonds payable total	6,795,500	-	(178,000)	6,617,500	186,000
Note due to state of Kentucky	227,500	-	(45,000)	182,500	45,000
Long-term debt total	<u>\$ 7,023,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (223,000)</u>	<u>\$ 6,800,000</u>	<u>\$ 231,000</u>

The future maturity amounts and related interest costs for all long-term debt are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,	Bonds		KIA Loan		Total	
	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest	Principal	Interest
2016	\$ 186,000	\$ 248,508	\$ 45,000	\$ 8,178	\$ 231,000	\$ 256,686
2017	190,500	241,771	80,000	6,069	270,500	247,840
2018	199,000	234,720	57,500	2,444	256,500	237,164
2019	208,500	227,053	-	-	208,500	227,053
2020	213,000	219,061	-	-	213,000	219,061
2021-25	1,037,000	967,755	-	-	1,037,000	967,755
2026-30	1,002,500	774,783	-	-	1,002,500	774,783
2031-35	990,000	558,730	-	-	990,000	558,730
2036-40	818,000	393,583	-	-	818,000	393,583
2041-2045	841,000	229,333	-	-	841,000	229,333
2046-50	765,000	96,321	-	-	765,000	96,321
2051	167,000	2,865	-	-	167,000	2,865
Total	<u>\$ 6,617,500</u>	<u>\$ 4,194,483</u>	<u>\$ 182,500</u>	<u>\$ 16,691</u>	<u>\$ 6,800,000</u>	<u>\$ 4,211,174</u>

NOTE 5. WATER RATES

The overall water rate is \$16.59 per thousand gallons for the first 1,000 gallons of water consumed and various amounts per thousand gallons for water in excess of 1,000 gallons. The minimum water bill, which includes 1,000 gallons of water consumption, is \$16.59 per month.

The number of customer accounts billed during December 2015 was 4,743.

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NOTE 6. OTHER OPERATING REVENUES

Other miscellaneous operating revenues consisted of the following for the year ended December 31, 20 15:

Penalty Charges	\$ 27,595
Service Charges	22,513
Miscellaneous	13,406
Total	<u>\$ 63,514</u>

NOTE 7. RISK RETENTION

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The District carries commercial insurance for risks of loss. There were not significant reductions in insurance coverage in 2015 from coverage in the prior year. Settled claims resulting from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three years. There were no presented claim liabilities at December 31, 2015.

NOTE 8. RETIREMENT

The District is a participating employer of the County Employees' Retirement System (CERS). Under the provisions of Kentucky Revised Statute 61.645, the Board of Trustees of Kentucky Retirement Systems administers the CERS. The plan issues publicly available financial statements which may be downloaded from the Kentucky Retirement Systems website.

Plan Description – CERS is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan that covers substantially all regular full-time members employed in positions of each participating county, city, and school board, and any additional eligible local agencies electing to participate in the System. The plan provides for retirement, disability, and death benefits to plan members. Retirement benefits may be extended to beneficiaries of plan members under certain circumstances. Cost-of-living (COLA) adjustments are provided at the discretion of state legislature.

Contributions – For the year ended December 31, 2015, plan members were required to contribute 5.00% of wages for non-hazardous job classifications. Employees hired after September 1, 2008 are required to contribute an additional 1% to cover the cost of medical insurance that is provided through CERS. Participating employers were required to contribute at an actuarially determined rate. Per Kentucky Revised Statute Section 78.545(33), normal contribution and past service contribution rates shall be determined by the Board on the basis of an annual valuation last proceeding the July 1 of a new biennium. The Board may amend contribution rates as of the first day of July of the second year of a biennium, if it is determined on the basis of a subsequent actuarial valuation that amended contributions rates are necessary to satisfy requirements determined in accordance with actuarial basis adopted by the Board. For the year ended December 31, 2015, participating employers contributed 17.67% of each employee's wages from January 1, 2015 to June 30, 2015, and 17.06% of each employee's wages from July 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, which is equal to the actuarially determined rate set by the Board. Administrative costs of Kentucky Retirement System are financed through employer contributions and investment earnings.

Plan members who began participating on, or after, January 1, 2014, were required to contribute to the Cash Balance Plan. The Cash Balance Plan is known as a hybrid plan because it has characteristics of both a defined benefit plan and a defined contribution plan. Members in the plan contribute a set percentage of their salary each month to their own account. Plan members contribute 5.00% of wages to their own account and 1% to the health insurance fund. The employer contribution rate is set annually by the Board based on an actuarial valuation. The employer contributes a set percentage of each member's salary. Each month, when employer contributions are received, an employer pay credit is deposited to the member's account. For non-hazardous members, their account is credited with a 4% employer pay credit. The employer pay credit represents a portion of the employer contribution.

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The District contributed \$71,628 for the year ended December 31, 2015, or 100% of the required contribution. The contribution was allocated \$51,918 to the CERS pension fund and \$19,710 to the CERS insurance fund.

Pension Liabilities, Expense, Deferred Outflows of Resources and Deferred Inflows of Resources – At December 31, 2015, the District reported a liability of \$550,383 for its proportionate share of the net pension liability. The net pension liability was measured as of June 30, 2014, (the latest information available) and the total pension liability used to calculate the net pension liability was determined by an actuarial valuation as of that date. The District’s proportion of the net pension liability was based on a projection of the District’s long-term share of contributions to the pension plan relative to the projected contributions of all participating entities, actuarially determined. At June 30, 2014, the District’s proportion was .016963 percent, which was equal to its proportion measured as of June 30, 2013.

For the year ended December 31, 2015, the District recognized pension expense of \$31,800. At December 31, 2015, the District reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions from the following sources:

	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Differences between expected and actual results	\$ -	\$ -
Changes of assumptions	-	-
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on Plan investments	-	48,800
Changes in proportion and differences between District contributions and proportionate share of contributions	-	-
District contributions subsequent to the measurement date	79,318	-
Total	\$ 79,318	\$ 48,800

The \$79,318 of deferred outflows of resources resulting from the District’s contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability during the years ending December, 31, 2016 and 2017. Other amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources will be recognized in pension expense as follows:

Year ending December 31,	
2016	\$ (12,200)
2017	(12,200)
2018	(12,200)
2019	(12,200)

Actuarial Assumptions – The total pension liability in the June 30, 2014 actuarial valuation was determined using the following actuarial assumptions, applied to all periods included in the measurement:

Inflation	3.50%	
Salary increases	4.50%, average, including inflation	
Investment rate of return	7.75%, net of Plan investment expense, including inflation	

Mortality rates were based on the 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table for all retired members and beneficiaries as of June 30, 2006, and the 1994 Group Annuity Mortality Table for all other members.

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The actuarial assumptions used in the June 30, 2014 valuation were based on the results of an actuarial experience study for the period January 1, 2005 - June 30, 2008.

The long-term expected return on plan assets is reviewed as part of the regular experience studies prepared every five years. Several factors are considered in evaluating the long-term rate of return assumptions including long-term historical data, estimates inherent in current market data, and a log-normal distribution analysis in which best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return (expected return, net of investment expense and inflation) were developed by the investment consultant for each major asset class. These ranges were combined to produce the long-term expected rate of return by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target asset allocation percentage and then adding expected inflation. The capital market assumptions developed by the investment consultant are intended for use over a 10-year horizon and may not be useful in setting the long-term rate of return for funding pension plans which covers a longer time frame. The assumption is intended to be a long-term assumption and is not expected to change absent a significant change in the asset allocation, a change in the inflation assumption, or a fundamental change in the market that alters expected returns in future years.

The target allocation and best estimates of nominal real rates of return for each major asset class are summarized in the following table:

Asset Class	Target Allocation	Long-term Nominal Real Rate of Return
Domestic Equity	30%	8.45%
International Equity	22%	8.85%
Emerging Market Equity	5%	10.50%
Private Equity	7%	11.25%
Real Estate	5%	7.00%
Core US Fixed Income	10%	5.25%
High Yield US Fixed Income	5%	7.25%
Non US Fixed Income	5%	5.50%
Commodities	5%	7.75%
TIPS	5%	5.00%
Cash	1%	3.25%
Total	100%	

Discount Rate – The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.75 percent. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that local employers would contribute the actuarially determined contribution rate of projected compensation over the remaining 29 year amortization period of the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. The actuarial determined contribution rate is adjusted to reflect the phase in of anticipated gains on actuarial value of assets over the first four years of the projection period. The discount rate does not use a municipal bond rate.

Sensitivity of the District's Proportionate Share of the Net Pension Liability to Changes in the Discount Rate – The following presents the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.75 percent, as well as what the District's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1 percentage-point lower (6.75 percent) or 1 percentage-point higher (8.75 percent) than the current rate:

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	Discount rate		District's proportionate share of net pension liability
1% decrease	6.75%	\$	724,235
Current discount rate	7.75%	\$	550,383
1% increase	8.75%	\$	396,734

Payable to the Pension Plan – At December 31, 2015, the District reported a payable of \$10,748 for the outstanding amount of contributions to the pension plan required for the year ended December 31, 2015. The payable includes both the pension and insurance contribution allocation.

NOTE 9. DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN

The District offers its employees a deferred compensation plan created in accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 457. In prior years, the Internal Revenue Code specified that the plan's assets were the property of the District until paid or made available to participants, subject only on an equal basis to the claims of the Authority's creditors. A 1996 federal law now requires all assets and income of Internal Revenue Code Section 457 deferred compensation plans to be held in trust, custodial accounts, or annuity contracts for the exclusive benefit of the participants and their beneficiaries.

Assets of the District's plan are administered by Kentucky Deferred Compensation under contract with the District. The administrator amended the plan as of January 1, 1998, to comply with the new federal law. Consequently, the plan's assets and liabilities are not reflected in the District's financial statements.

NOTE 10. CONTINGENCIES

As of December 31, 2015, the District did not have any pending litigation or potential non-disclosed liabilities.

The North Mercer Water District participates in federal loan programs, which are governed by various rules of the grantor agency. Costs charged to the program are subject to audit and adjustment by the grantor agency; therefore, to the extent that the District has not complied with the rules and regulations governing these programs, refunds of any money received may be required. In the opinion of the District, there are no significant contingent liabilities relating to the compliance with the rules and regulations governing the respective programs.

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NOTE 11. CAPITAL ASSETS

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

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Increases</u>	<u>Decreases</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land and Land Rights	\$ 48,802	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 48,802
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>48,802</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>48,802</u>
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Structures and improvements	200,041	6,000	-	206,041
Other plant	645,524	2,721	-	648,245
Equipment	259,038	62,962	-	322,000
Water system	16,657,735	11,527	-	16,669,262
Construction in Process	-	-	-	-
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>17,762,338</u>	<u>83,210</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>17,845,548</u>
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Structures and improvements	(135,724)	(3,339)	-	(139,063)
Other plant	(394,678)	(16,316)	-	(410,994)
Equipment	(220,374)	(17,245)	-	(237,619)
Water system	(5,994,583)	(418,578)	-	(6,413,161)
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>(6,745,359)</u>	<u>(455,478)</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,200,837)</u>
Capital Assets, Net	<u>\$ 11,065,781</u>	<u>\$ (372,268)</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ 10,693,513</u>

NOTE 12. RESTATEMENT OF NET POSITION

Implementation of new accounting standard GASB Statement No. 68

During 2015 the District implemented GASB Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions, which addresses financial reporting for state and local government employers whose employees are provided with pensions through pension plans that are covered under Statement No. 67, Financial Reporting for Pension Plans.

The guidance contained in Statement 68 changed how governments calculate and report the costs and obligations associated with pensions. Under the new standards GASB requires that cost-sharing governments report a net pension liability, pension expense, and pension related deferred inflows and outflows of resources based on their proportionate share of the collective amounts for all the governments in the plan. In addition, GASB requires Statement 68 to be applied retroactively, which has resulted in a restatement of beginning net position as follows:

	2015
Net position, at beginning of year	\$ 5,242,629
Beginning net pension liability	<u>(539,982)</u>
Net position, at beginning of year, as restated	<u>\$ 4,702,647</u>

REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

**NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF
 PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY
 Last Two Fiscal Years***

	2015	2014
District's proportion of the net pension liability	0.016963%	0.016963%
District's proportionate share of the net pension liability (asset)	\$ 550,383	\$ 621,321
District's covered employee payroll	\$ 415,954	\$ 389,169
District's share of the net pension liability (asset) as a percentage of its covered payroll	132.32%	159.65%
Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability	66.80%	61.22%

Notes:

There were no changes in benefit terms, size or composition of the population covered by the benefit terms, or the assumptions used in the last two fiscal years.

* The amounts presented for each fiscal year were determined (measured) as of June 30 of the previous year.

**NORTH MERCER WATER DISTRICT
REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE OF CONTRIBUTIONS
Last Three Fiscal Years**

	2015	2014	2013
Contractually required employer contribution	\$ 53,034	\$ 53,472	\$ 46,871
Contributions relative to contractually required employer contribution	<u>53,034</u>	<u>53,472</u>	<u>46,871</u>
Contribution deficiency (excess)	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ -</u>
City's covered employee payroll	\$ 415,954	\$ 389,169	\$ 371,402
Employer contributions as a percentage of covered-employee payroll	12.75%	13.74%	12.62%

Notes:

There were no changes in benefit terms, size or composition of the population covered by the benefit terms, or the assumptions used in the last two fiscal years.

Contractually required employer contributions exclude the portion of contributions paid to CERS but allocated to the insurance fund of the CERS. The above contributions only include those contributions allocated directly to the CERS pension fund.

The information in this schedule is measured as of June 30 of each year in order to correspond to Kentucky Retirement System reporting periods.

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

Chairman and Commissioners
North Mercer Water District
Salvisa, KY 40372

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 the business-type activities of the North Mercer Water District as of and for the year ended December 31, 2015, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the North Mercer Water District's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated March 26, 2016.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the District'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 the District's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the 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 combination of deficiencies, in internal control such that there is 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 the 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 the 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 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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Certified Public Accountant

Danville, Kentucky
March 26, 2016