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Taylor County Rural Electric
Cooperative Corporation
Campbellsville, Kentucky
Audited Financial Statements
May 31, 2015 and 2014

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors
Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative
Campbellsville, Kentucky

Report on the Financial Statements

I have audited the accompanying financial statements of Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative, which comprise the balance sheets as of May 31, 2015 and 2014, 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
Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative

Opinion

In my opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative as of May 31, 2015 and 2014, 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 30, 2015, on my consideration of Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative'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
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July 30, 2015

Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation
Balance Sheets, May 31, 2015 and 2014

<u>Assets</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Electric Plant, at original cost:		
In service	\$ 80,522,818	\$ 77,650,041
Under construction	63,077	96,867
	80,585,895	77,746,908
Less accumulated depreciation	24,781,956	22,981,532
	55,803,939	54,765,376
Investments in Associated Organizations	22,704,536	19,824,713
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	2,187,909	2,243,453
Accounts receivable, less allowance for 2015 of \$93,838 and 2014 of \$86,773	557,304	968,539
Other receivables	301,480	271,285
Material and supplies, at average cost	681,884	654,044
Other current assets	102,119	123,324
	3,830,696	4,260,645
Deferred Property Retirement	51,945	121,204
Total	\$ 82,391,116	\$ 78,971,938
<u>Members' Equities and Liabilities</u>		
Members' Equities:		
Memberships	\$ 279,535	\$ 280,550
Patronage capital	57,427,186	53,697,185
Other equities	115,342	114,327
Accumulated other comprehensive income	(3,253,195)	(3,462,739)
	54,568,868	50,629,323
Long Term Debt	18,804,776	19,152,999
Accumulated Postretirement Benefits	4,868,454	5,028,588
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	244,714	254,164
Consumer deposits	1,447,262	1,401,587
Current portion of long term debt	1,150,000	1,150,000
Accrued expenses	413,552	422,326
	3,255,528	3,228,077
Consumer Advances	893,490	932,951
Total	\$ 82,391,116	\$ 78,971,938

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

Statements of Revenue and Comprehensive Income
for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Operating Revenues		
Sales of electric energy	\$ 48,390,688	\$ 47,038,236
Other revenues	814,986	813,684
	<u>49,205,674</u>	<u>47,851,920</u>
Operating Expenses:		
Cost of power	38,261,084	36,867,820
Distribution - operations	1,888,243	1,952,039
Distribution - maintenance	1,896,390	1,915,986
Consumer accounts	1,234,841	1,022,283
Customer services	39,442	106,876
Administrative and general	1,480,235	1,525,577
Depreciation, excluding \$122,481 in 2015 and \$106,389 in 2014 charged to clearing accounts	2,701,958	2,597,917
Taxes	64,565	43,237
	<u>47,566,758</u>	<u>46,031,735</u>
Operating margins before interest charges	<u>1,638,916</u>	<u>1,820,185</u>
Interest Charges:		
Long-term debt	708,004	786,208
Other	11,424	12,862
	<u>719,428</u>	<u>799,070</u>
Operating margins after interest charges	<u>919,488</u>	<u>1,021,115</u>
Nonoperating Margins		
Interest income	29,554	59,928
Others	4,058	30
	<u>33,612</u>	<u>59,958</u>
Patronage Capital Credits	<u>2,976,619</u>	<u>3,108,007</u>
Net Margins	3,929,719	4,189,080
Comprehensive Income:		
Accumulated postretirement benefits	<u>209,544</u>	<u>209,544</u>
Net Comprehensive Income	<u>\$ 4,139,263</u>	<u>\$ 4,398,624</u>

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

Statement of Changes in Members' Equity
for the years ended May 31, 2014 and 2015

	<u>Memberships</u>	<u>Patronage Capital</u>	<u>Other Equity</u>	<u>Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income</u>	<u>Total Members' Equity</u>
Balance - Beginning of year	\$ 281,610	\$ 49,677,202	\$ 99,178	\$ (3,672,283)	\$ 46,385,707
Comprehensive income:					
Net margins		4,189,080			4,189,080
Postretirement benefit obligation					
Amortization				209,544	
Adjustments				-	209,544
Total comprehensive income				<u>209,544</u>	<u>4,398,624</u>
Net change in memberships	(1,060)				(1,060)
Refunds to estates		(169,097)			(169,097)
Other equities			15,149		15,149
					<u>15,149</u>
Balance - May 31, 2014	280,550	53,697,185	114,327	(3,462,739)	50,629,323
Comprehensive income:					
Net margins		3,929,719			3,929,719
Postretirement benefit obligation					
Amortization				209,544	
Adjustments				-	209,544
Total comprehensive income				<u>209,544</u>	<u>4,139,263</u>
Net change in memberships	(1,015)				(1,015)
Refunds to estates		(199,718)			(199,718)
Other equities			1,015		1,015
					<u>1,015</u>
Balance - May 31, 2015	<u>\$ 279,535</u>	<u>\$ 57,427,186</u>	<u>\$ 115,342</u>	<u>\$ (3,253,195)</u>	<u>\$ 54,568,868</u>

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

Statements of Cash Flows
for the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Net margins	\$ 3,929,719	\$ 4,189,080
Adjustments to reconcile to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation:		
Charged to expense	2,701,958	2,597,917
Charged to clearing accounts	122,481	106,389
Patronage capital credits assigned	(2,976,619)	(3,108,007)
Accumulated postretirement benefits	49,410	84,556
Deferred property retirements	69,259	69,259
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Receivables	381,040	(257,049)
Material and supplies	(27,840)	(31,677)
Other assets	21,205	22,076
Payables	(9,450)	(99,718)
Consumer deposits and advances	6,214	65,560
Accrued expenses	(8,774)	7,249
	<u>4,258,603</u>	<u>3,645,635</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Plant additions	(3,528,226)	(2,800,061)
Plant removal costs	(345,993)	(284,732)
Salvage recovered from retired plant	11,217	12,925
Receipts from other investments, net	96,796	96,063
	<u>(3,766,206)</u>	<u>(2,975,805)</u>
Cash Flows from Financing Activities:		
Net increase in memberships	(1,015)	(1,060)
Increase in other equities	1,015	15,149
Retirements of capital credits	(199,718)	(169,097)
Advances of long term debt	-	-
Payments on long term debt	(1,035,084)	(1,065,049)
Advance payments on long term debt	686,861	320,527
	<u>(547,941)</u>	<u>(899,530)</u>
Net increase in cash	(55,544)	(229,700)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	<u>2,243,453</u>	<u>2,473,153</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	<u>\$ 2,187,909</u>	<u>\$ 2,243,453</u>
Supplemental cash flows information:		
Interest paid on long-term debt	\$ 724,004	\$ 786,208

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

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative Corporation ("Taylor County") 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>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Distribution plant	\$76,372,309	\$73,752,380
General plant	4,150,509	3,897,661
Total	<u>\$80,522,818</u>	<u>\$77,650,041</u>

Depreciation Provision has been made for depreciation on the basis of the estimated lives of assets, using the straight-line method. Depreciation rates are as follows:

Distribution plant	3%
Structures and improvements	2%
Transportation equipment	16%
Other general plant items	6% - 16%

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

Off Balance Sheet Risk Taylor County maintains its cash balances, which may exceed the federally insured limit, with several financial institutions. These financial institutions have strong credit ratings and management believes that the credit risk related to the accounts is minimal.

Revenue Taylor County implemented an Automated Meter Reading ("AMR") program during 2009 where meters are remotely read on the 1st day of each month. All consumers are required to pay a refundable deposit, which may be waived under certain circumstances. Taylor County's sales are concentrated in a six 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, 2015 or 2014.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, continued

Sales Taxes Taylor County 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. Taylor County'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 Taylor County is one of sixteen (16) members of East Kentucky Power Cooperative ("East Kentucky"). Under a wholesale power agreement, Taylor County 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 power bill is received, rather than the period of actual usage, based upon billings from East Kentucky. The cost of power purchased but not recorded was \$2,032,896 for 2015 and \$2,527,539 for 2014.

Fair Value Measurements The Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures Topic of the FASB ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, defines fair value as the exchange price that would be received for an asset or paid to transfer a liability (an exit price) in the principal, or most advantageous, market for the asset or liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The Fair Value Measurements Topic establishes a three-level fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. This hierarchy requires entities to maximize the use of observable inputs when possible. The three levels of inputs used to measure fair value are as follows:

Level 1: Unadjusted quoted prices in active markets that are accessible at the measurement date for identical, unrestricted assets or liabilities

Level 2: Quoted prices in markets that are not considered to be active or financial instruments for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3: Prices or valuations that require inputs that are both significant to the fair value measure and unobservable.

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

The carrying amounts of Taylor County's cash and cash equivalents, other receivables, investments, inventories, other assets, trade accounts payable, accrued expenses and liabilities, and other 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 and liabilities are not considered financial instruments because they represent activities specifically related to Taylor County. Long term debt can not be traded in the market, and is specifically for electric cooperatives and, therefore, a value other than its outstanding principal cannot be determined.

Taylor County may, and also does, invest idle funds in local banks. 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 2015 and 2014.

Risk Management Taylor County 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.

Notes to Financial Statements

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.

Advertising Taylor County expenses advertising costs as incurred.

Income Tax Status Taylor County is exempt from federal and state income taxes under provisions of Section 501(c)(12). Accordingly, the financial statements for Taylor County include no provision for income taxes. Taylor County'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 Taylor County has no uncertain tax positions resulting in an accrual of tax expense or benefit. Taylor County recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense and penalties in operating expenses. Taylor County did not recognize any interest or penalties during the years ended May 31, 2015 and 2014. Taylor County'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.

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.

Subsequent Events Management has evaluated subsequent events through July 30, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be issued. There were no significant subsequent events to report.

Note 2. Investments in Associated Organizations

Investments in associated organizations consist of:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
East Kentucky, patronage capital	\$21,601,743	\$18,792,222
CoBank	585,425	562,093
Others	517,368	470,398
Total	<u>\$22,704,536</u>	<u>\$19,824,713</u>

Taylor County records patronage capital assigned by associated organizations in the year in which such assignments are received. Investments and purchases from National Bank for Cooperatives ("CoBank") are a condition of borrowing loan funds.

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, Taylor County may distribute the difference between 25% and the payments made to such estates. At May 31, 2015, the equities and margins were 66% of total assets.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 3. Patronage Capital, continued

Patronage capital consisted of:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Assigned to date	\$56,774,064	\$53,131,499
Assignable margins	1,082,205	1,024,609
Retirements to date	(4,378,183)	(4,178,465)
Unassigned	3,949,100	3,719,542
Total	<u>\$57,427,186</u>	<u>\$53,697,185</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), and CoBank under a joint mortgage agreement. First mortgage notes consist of:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
RUS, 0.125% to 5.375%	\$6,350,245	\$6,647,274
Advance payments, earns 5.0%	(192,700)	(879,563)
	6,157,545	5,767,711
FFB, 3.306%	5,451,731	5,584,065
CoBank, 2.29% (2.29% in 2014) to 6.95%	5,020,000	5,219,770
Refinance RUS loans, 4.52%	3,325,500	3,731,453
	8,345,500	8,951,223
	19,954,776	20,302,999
Less current portion	1,150,000	1,150,000
Long term portion	<u>\$18,804,776</u>	<u>\$19,152,999</u>

The long term debt payable to RUS and CoBank are due in quarterly and monthly installments of varying amounts through 2039. RUS assess 25 basis points to administer the FFB loans. Taylor County has \$6,000,000 of unadvanced loans funds available from FFB. During August 2010, Taylor County refinanced \$5.42 million of RUS loans with lower interest rate loans from CoBank.

As of May 31, 2015, annual current principal due for the next five years are as follows: 2016 - \$1,150,000; 2017 - \$1,200,000; 2018 - \$1,250,000; 2019 - \$1,300,000; 2020 - \$1,400,000.

Note 5. Short Term Borrowings

Taylor County has executed short term line of credit agreements in the amount of \$3,000,000 each with CoBank and with National Rural Utilities, Cooperative Finance Corporation ("CFC"). At May 31, 2015 Taylor County had repaid all advances against this line of credit.

Note 6. Pension Plan

Effective January 1, 1995, Taylor County implemented a Retirement Savings Plan for all employees who are eligible to participate in Taylor County's benefit programs. The plan allows participants to make contributions by salary reduction, pursuant to Section 401(k) of the Internal Revenue Code. Taylor County makes contributions for each participant equal to 10% of participants' base compensation with employees required to make a minimum contribution of 3% of base wages. Taylor County contributed \$272,317 in 2015 and \$276,495 in 2014. Participants vest immediately in their contributions and the contributions of Taylor County.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 7. Postretirement Benefits

Taylor County sponsors a defined benefit plan that provides medical insurance coverage for retired employees and their spouses. Taylor County pays all the premiums for retirees and their dependents. For measurement purposes, an annual rate of increase of 5% in 2015, then decreasing by 0.5% per year until 5% 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 4.5% in 2015 and 2014.

The funded status of the plan is as follows:

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Projected benefit obligation	(\$4,868,454)	(\$5,028,588)
Plan assets at fair value	-	-
Total	<u>(\$4,868,454)</u>	<u>(\$5,028,588)</u>

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

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
Benefit obligation at beginning of year	<u>\$5,028,588</u>	<u>\$5,153,576</u>
Components of net periodic benefit cost:		
Service cost	133,297	101,426
Interest cost	<u>222,683</u>	<u>254,554</u>
Net periodic benefit cost	355,980	355,980
Benefits paid	(516,114)	(480,968)
Accumulated other comprehensive accounting	-	-
Benefit obligation at end of year	<u>\$4,868,454</u>	<u>\$5,028,588</u>

Projected retiree benefit payments for the next five years are expected to be as follows: 2015 - \$510,000; 2016 - \$505,000; 2017 - \$490,000; 2018 - \$480,000; 2019 - \$460,000.

Note 8. Related Party Transactions

Several of the Directors of Taylor County and its General Manager & CEO are on the Boards of Directors of various associated organizations.

Note 9. Commitments and Contingencies

Taylor County 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 10. Environmental Contingency

Taylor County 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 Taylor County 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 Taylor County's financial position or its future cash flows.

Notes to Financial Statements

Note 11. Contingencies

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

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**Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance
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To the Board of Directors
Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative

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 Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative, which comprise the balance sheets as of May 31, 2015 and 2014, 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 30, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered Taylor County'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 Taylor County's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Taylor County'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 Taylor County'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

This report is intended solely for the information and use of the audit committee, management, the Rural Utilities Service, and supplemental lenders, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative

Independent Auditor's Report

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 Taylor County Rural Electric Cooperative ("the Cooperative"), which comprise the balance sheet as of May 31, 2015, 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 30, 2015. In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued my report dated July 30, 2015, 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, 2015, 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:

Deferred property retirement	<u>\$51,945</u>
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The deferred credits are as follows:

Consumer advances for construction	<u>\$893,490</u>
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This report is intended solely for the information and use of the board of directors, management, RUS, and supplemental lenders and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distributions is not limited.

Alan Zumstein

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July 30, 2015