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**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
AND
SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION**

DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Members
East Daviess County Water Association, Inc.

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) which comprise the balance sheets as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of income, retained deficit, 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

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

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above, present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Schedule of Insurance and Rates is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated March 14, 2017 on our consideration of East Daviess County Water Association's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on 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 East Daviess County Water Association's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Alford & Company CPAS PSC

Owensboro, Kentucky
March 14, 2017

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Balance Sheets

December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
ASSETS		
UTILITY PLANT		
Water plant in service	\$ 11,992,935	\$ 11,852,877
Construction in progress	25,724	19,540
Less: accumulated depreciation	<u>(5,144,374)</u>	<u>(4,923,745)</u>
TOTAL UTILITY PLANT - NET	<u>6,874,285</u>	<u>6,948,672</u>
RESTRICTED FUNDS		
Cash - reserve fund	568,206	540,901
Cash - construction fund	49	48
Cash - security deposit fund	<u>27,319</u>	<u>26,302</u>
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS	<u>595,574</u>	<u>567,251</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash	609,543	559,602
Accounts receivable trade	175,417	160,373
Less: allowance for doubtful accounts	(8,838)	(14,579)
Other receivables	115,161	114,728
Inventory	47,523	42,105
Prepaid insurance	11,900	12,598
Other current assets	<u>2,692</u>	<u>2,692</u>
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	<u>953,398</u>	<u>877,519</u>
OTHER ASSETS		
Deferred financing costs	<u>2,048</u>	<u>2,536</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$ 8,425,305</u>	<u>\$ 8,395,978</u>

See accompanying notes.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Balance Sheets

December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS		
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT)	\$ 57,770	\$ (44,520)
LONG-TERM DEBT, net of current portion	<u>936,351</u>	<u>1,132,272</u>
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts payable - trade	45,534	48,610
Accounts payable - RWRA	11,336	12,355
Current portion of long-term debt	191,722	184,698
Accrued taxes	4,279	3,728
Accrued interest	9,148	9,813
Customer deposits	26,619	25,680
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	<u>8,745</u>	<u>7,259</u>
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>297,383</u>	<u>292,143</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES	<u>1,233,734</u>	<u>1,424,415</u>
CONTRIBUTIONS		
Federal grants	1,807,300	1,807,300
State and local grants	2,343,641	2,343,641
Contributions in aid	<u>2,982,860</u>	<u>2,865,142</u>
TOTAL CONTRIBUTIONS	<u>7,133,801</u>	<u>7,016,083</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND OTHER CREDITS	<u>\$ 8,425,305</u>	<u>\$ 8,395,978</u>

See accompanying notes.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Statements of Income

Years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
OPERATING REVENUE		
Water sales	\$ 1,542,160	\$ 1,526,106
Miscellaneous service revenue	96,482	111,705
TOTAL OPERATING REVENUES	<u>1,638,642</u>	<u>1,637,811</u>
 OPERATING EXPENSES		
Bad debts	8,394	18,390
Depreciation and amortization	248,256	295,093
Directors' fees	12,750	12,750
Engineering	2,000	-
Insurance	154,318	141,869
Legal and accounting	31,674	23,485
Miscellaneous	23,314	25,442
Office supplies and postage	47,138	44,120
Payroll taxes and fringe benefits	39,922	39,704
PSC assessment	3,179	3,010
Repairs	103,140	100,465
Salaries and wages	363,843	363,118
Telephone	9,071	9,419
Transportation	18,748	24,216
Utilities	42,505	38,458
Water purchased	376,141	338,194
Water testing	4,928	6,388
TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	<u>1,489,321</u>	<u>1,484,121</u>
 INCOME FROM OPERATIONS	<u>149,321</u>	<u>153,690</u>
 OTHER INCOME (EXPENSE)		
Loss on disposal of assets	(2,910)	(1,747)
Interest earned on investments	3,647	3,999
Interest expense	(47,768)	(54,562)
TOTAL OTHER EXPENSE	<u>(47,031)</u>	<u>(52,310)</u>
 NET INCOME	<u>\$ 102,290</u>	<u>\$ 101,380</u>

See accompanying notes.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Statements of Retained Earnings (Deficit)
Years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
RETAINED DEFICIT, BEGINNING OF YEAR, AS PREVIOUSLY REPORTED	\$ (44,520)	\$ (221,612)
PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT	-	75,712
RETAINED DEFICIT, BEGINNING OF YEAR, RESTATED	(44,520)	(145,900)
NET INCOME	102,290	101,380
RETAINED EARNINGS (DEFICIT), END OF YEAR	\$ 57,770	\$ (44,520)

See accompanying notes.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Statements of Cash Flows
Years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015

	2016	2015
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net income	\$ 102,290	\$ 101,380
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	248,256	295,093
Loss on disposal of assets	2,910	1,747
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(15,044)	7,232
Other receivable	(433)	(38,829)
Reserve for bad debts	(5,741)	110
Prepaid insurance	698	(392)
Inventory	(5,418)	(913)
Other current assets	-	1,765
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	(4,095)	(3,372)
Accrued taxes payable	551	63
Accrued interest	(665)	(638)
Customer deposits	939	1,675
Accrued payroll and payroll taxes	1,486	(423)
	325,734	364,498
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Payments for the purchase of property	(181,191)	(175,745)
Transfers to reserves and restricted funds	(28,323)	(29,915)
Proceeds from the sale of property	4,900	6,075
	(204,614)	(199,585)
NET CASH USED IN INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Principal payments on long-term debt	(188,897)	(182,130)
Contribution in aid of construction	117,718	43,871
	(71,179)	(138,259)
NET CASH USED IN FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
INCREASE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	49,941	26,654
CASH, BEGINNING OF YEAR	559,602	532,948
CASH, END OF YEAR	\$ 609,543	\$ 559,602

See accompanying notes.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Business

East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. (the "Water Association") is a water utility which operates in rural sections of Daviess, Hancock, and Ohio Counties of Kentucky, and its sales are primarily to residential customers.

Management Estimates

Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing these financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported revenues and expenses. Actual results could vary from the estimates that were used.

Regulation

The Water Association's utility operations are subject to regulation with respect to rates, service, maintenance of accounting records and various other matters by the Commonwealth of Kentucky Public Service Commission. The Water Association's accounting policies recognize the financial effects of the ratemaking and accounting practices and policies of the Public Service Commission which conform to generally accepted accounting principles in all material respects.

Operating Revenue

Operating revenue is recognized upon completion of monthly meter readings. At the end of each month, water services which have been rendered from the latest meter reading to the end of the month are unbilled.

Inventory

Inventory consists of materials and supplies which are stated at lower of cost (determined on the first-in, first-out basis) or market.

Utility Plant

Utility plant is stated at original cost (cost of the property to whomever first devoted it to public service.) The cost of labor for additions to the utility plant constructed by the Water Association's employees is not capitalized. It is the Water Association's policy to capitalize property or equipment over \$500.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Depreciation

Depreciation expense is computed on the straight-line method. Depreciation expense for 2016 and 2015 was \$ 247,768 and \$ 294,605 respectively. Estimated useful lives of major components of the utility plant in service were adjusted in 2016 to be more reflective of their useful lives as determined by the Kentucky Public Service Commission. The adjusted useful lives are as follows:

Water pumps and equipment	20 years
Service equipment	22.5 years
Land improvements	25 years
Meters	40 years
Water reservoirs	50 years
Water lines	62.5 years

Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable consists of water sales to residential, commercial, industrial, agricultural and other customers. The allowance for doubtful accounts is computed based on the aging of outstanding accounts receivable and historical collections experience and represents in management's opinion, an adequate allowance to provide for probable uncollectible accounts. Accounts receivable for the previous month's billing are considered past due after the 15th of the current month. Any inactive, unpaid accounts from the previous year are written off in the last quarter of the current year.

Deferred Financing Costs

The Water Association uses the bond retirement method to amortize debt discount and expense.

Cash Flows Information

For purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, the Water Association considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents.

Cash paid for interest for 2016 and 2015 was \$ 48,433 and \$ 55,200, respectively.

Impairment of Long-Lived Assets

Management periodically evaluates whether events or circumstances have occurred that indicate that excess of cost over net assets acquired and other long-lived assets may not be recoverable or that the remaining useful life may warrant revision. When such events or circumstances are present, management assess the recoverability of long-lived assets by determining whether the carrying value will be recovered through the expected future cash flows. In the event the sum of the expected future cash flows resulting from the use of the asset is less than the carrying value of the asset, an impairment loss equal to the excess of the asset's carrying value over its fair value is recorded. To date, no such impairment has been recognized.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

NOTE B - RESTRICTED FUNDS

Funds are restricted as follows: (1) Reserve fund cash is restricted pursuant to loan agreements with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and US Bank as described in Note D; (2) Construction fund cash represents cash advanced by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development and other grantors which is restricted for construction projects; and (3) Security deposit fund cash consists of security deposits paid by customers.

NOTE C - LONG-TERM DEBT

	2016	2015
Long-term debt consists of the following:		
Note payable to U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development with interest at the rate of 4.375% per annum, due in annual installments of \$31,228, including interest through August 7, 2046.	\$ 419,902	\$ 432,220
Note payable to US Bank with interest at the rate of 3.71% per annum, due in monthly installments of \$17,175, including interest through July 7, 2020.	708,171	884,750
	1,128,073	1,316,970
Less: Current portion	191,722	184,698
	\$ 936,351	\$ 1,132,272

US Bank and U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development hold mortgages on substantially all assets of the Water Association.

The Water Association's loan agreements include various covenants, including a provision that it will not borrow any money from any source or enter into any contract agreement or incur any other liabilities in connection with making extensions or improvements to the facility, exclusive of normal maintenance, without obtaining the prior written consent of the Mortgagees. The cash reserve fund associated with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development loan is fully funded. US Bank does not require a reserve fund for their loan. The Reserve Fund shall be used and disbursed only for the purpose of paying the cost of repairing or replacing any damage to the facility which may be caused by unforeseen catastrophe, for making extensions or improvements to the facility with the prior written approval of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, and when necessary, for the purpose of making debt service payments on the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development note in the event funds are not available from current operating funds.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

NOTE C - LONG-TERM DEBT (continued)

Maturities of notes payable are as follows:

Year Ended December 31	Amount
2017	\$ 191,722
2018	198,784
2019	206,390
2020	147,406
2021	10,100
Thereafter	373,671
	\$ 1,128,073

NOTE D - UTILITY PLANT

The major classes of Utility Plant at December 31, 2016 and 2015 consist of the following:

	2016	2015
Pumping system	\$ 483,569	\$ 485,953
Transmission and distribution system	10,707,003	10,586,738
General plant	802,363	780,186
	\$ 11,992,935	\$ 11,852,877

NOTE E - INCOME TAX STATUS

The Water Association maintains the tax position that it is exempt from federal and state income taxes and, accordingly, no provision for such taxes has been made. The Water Association did not pay any interest or penalty as a result of its tax position. The tax years 2014 through 2016 remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service.

NOTE F - CONTRIBUTIONS

	Government Grants	Other	Total
Balance, December 31, 2014	\$ 4,150,941	\$ 2,821,271	\$ 6,972,212
Add: Tap-on fees and memberships	-	31,113	31,113
Reimbursed line costs	-	12,758	12,758
Government grants	-	-	-
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 4,150,941	\$ 2,865,142	\$ 7,016,083

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC
Notes to Financial Statements
December 31, 2016 and 2015

NOTE F – CONTRIBUTIONS (continued)

	Government Grants	Other	Total
Balance, December 31, 2015	\$ 4,150,941	\$ 2,865,142	\$ 7,016,083
Add: Tap-on fees and memberships	-	26,000	26,000
Reimbursed line costs	-	91,718	91,718
Government grants	-	-	-
Balance, December 31, 2016	<u>\$ 4,150,941</u>	<u>\$ 2,982,860</u>	<u>\$ 7,133,801</u>

NOTE G - SUPPLIER

The Water Association purchases either directly or indirectly all of its water for resale from the City Utility Commission of the City of Owensboro, Kentucky operating as Owensboro Municipal Utilities (OMU). Purchases for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 were \$ 376,141 and \$ 338,194, respectively.

NOTE H - CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

At December 31, 2016 and 2015, the Water Association's bank balance of cash and cash equivalents totaled \$ 1,230,280 and \$ 1,151,393, respectively. Of the total cash balance at December 31, 2016 and 2015, \$ 500,000 was covered by Federal depository insurance for both years with \$ 922,110 and \$ 639,718, respectively, covered by collateral held by the banks. Of the total bank deposits at December 31, 2016 and 2015, \$ 14,270 and \$ 11,675 respectively, was not covered by Federal depository insurance or by collateral held by the banks.

NOTE I - COMPENSATED ABSENCES

Employees are entitled to paid vacation and paid sick days, depending on job classification, length of service, and other factors. It is impracticable to estimate the amount of compensation for future absences, and accordingly, no liability has been recorded in the accompanying financial statements. The Association does not accrue compensation for paid vacation because the amount is considered immaterial. The Association's policy is to record compensated absences when actually paid to employees.

NOTE J – PRIOR PERIOD ADJUSTMENT

Retained earnings at the beginning of 2015 have been adjusted to correct water purchases for the previous eight years due to unrecognized Owensboro Municipal Utilities annual rate adjustment and true-up. The cumulative effect increases beginning retained earnings for 2015 by \$75,712. The accompanying comparative financial statement for 2015 has also been adjusted to correct water purchases. The effect of this restatement is to increase accounts receivable and decrease water purchases by \$38,869.

NOTE K – SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Water Association did not have any subsequent events through March 14, 2017, which is the date the financial statements were issued requiring recording or disclosure in the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2016.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Schedule of Insurance
December 31, 2016

<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Amount of Coverage</u>
Workmen's Compensation	\$ 500,000 per occurrence
General Liability	\$ 1,000,000/3,000,000
Property and Contents	\$ 3,153,963
Employee Dishonesty	\$ 300,000
Owned Automobile Liability Bodily injury and property damage	\$ 1,000,000 per accident
Umbrella Coverage	\$ 2,000,000/2,000,000

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Schedule of Rates
December 31, 2016

Tap-on Fees

Charge

5/8" x 3/4" Meter
 All larger meters

\$ 650
 Actual Cost

Monthly rates

5/8" Meter

First 2,000 gallons
 Next 4,000 gallons
 Next 44,000 gallons
 Over 50,000 gallons

\$16.24 (Minimum Bill)
 5.45 per 1,000 gallons
 4.36 per 1,000 gallons
 3.56 per 1,000 gallons

3/4" Meter

First 3,000 gallons
 Next 3,000 gallons
 Next 44,000 gallons
 Over 50,000 gallons

\$21.69 (Minimum Bill)
 5.45 per 1,000 gallons
 4.36 per 1,000 gallons
 3.56 per 1,000 gallons

1" Meter

First 6,000 gallons
 Next 44,000 gallons
 Over 50,000 gallons

\$38.04 (Minimum Bill)
 4.36 per 1,000 gallons
 3.56 per 1,000 gallons

1-1/2" Meter

First 10,000 gallons
 Next 40,000 gallons
 Over 50,000 gallons

\$55.48 (Minimum Bill)
 4.36 per 1,000 gallons
 3.56 per 1,000 gallons

2" Meter

First 20,000 gallons
 Next 30,000 gallons
 Over 50,000 gallons

\$99.08 (Minimum Bill)
 4.36 per 1,000 gallons
 3.56 per 1,000 gallons

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

To the Board of Directors
East Daviess County Water Association, Inc.

We have audited, in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of East Daviess County Water Association, Inc. (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2016 and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated March 14, 2017.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered East Daviess County Water Association Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing our opinions on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Association'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 a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Association'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.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified. We did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses as 2016-001 and 2016-002, that we consider to be significant deficiencies.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether East Daviess County Water Association, Inc.'s financial statements are free from material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Association's Response to Findings

East Daviess County Water Association's response to the findings identified in our audit is described in the accompanying schedule of findings and responses. The Association's response was not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Purpose of This Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the result of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

Alexander & Company CPAs PSC

Owensboro, Kentucky
March 14, 2017

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Schedule of Findings and Responses
Year Ended December 31, 2016

SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

1. The auditor's report expresses an unmodified opinion on whether the financial statements of East Daviess County Water Association were prepared in accordance with GAAP.
2. Two significant deficiencies disclosed during the audit of the financial statements are reported in the Independent Auditors' Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. No material weaknesses are reported.
3. No instances of noncompliance material to the financial statements of East Daviess County Water Association, which would be required to be reported in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, were disclosed during the audit.

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT

2016-001 Significant Deficiency:

Segregation of Duties

Condition: The small size of the Association's bookkeeping staff limits the extent of the separation of duties. Presently, the Association's bookkeeper's responsibilities include cash disbursements functions, billing, preparing the bank reconciliations and accounting functions. There has been significant improvement in the segregation of duties regarding the cash receipts function. However, the segregation of duties, which is the basic premise of a good internal control structure, is not adequate.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place that provide reasonable assurance that no one individual performs all the duties related to cash receipts and disbursements.

Cause: One employee performs the majority of the accounting functions due to the limited number of personnel in the office.

Effect: Transactions could be made without management's knowledge or approval.

Recommendation: Procedures should be implemented that require a greater segregation of duties involving cash receipts and disbursements.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Due to the limited number of personnel, management believes that an adequate segregation of duties is not achievable and that the costs of correcting the weakness would exceed the benefits that would be derived.

EAST DAVIESS COUNTY WATER ASSOCIATION, INC.
Schedule of Findings and Responses
Year Ended December 31, 2016

FINDINGS – FINANCIAL STATEMENT AUDIT (continued)

2016-002 Significant Deficiency:

Internal Control Over Financial Disclosures

Condition: The Association does not have defined monitoring controls in place to identify and assess disclosures in the financial statements.

Criteria: Internal controls should be in place to provide reasonable assurance that the disclosures in the financial statements are adequately updated.

Cause: Lack of expertise with footnote disclosures.

Effect: The financial statements are not complete or accurate if the disclosures have not been updated.

Recommendation: Personnel should receive training in order to update the financial statements disclosures.

Views of Responsible Officials and Planned Corrective Actions: Due to the limited number of personnel, management believes that the cost of the hiring and/or training someone to update the disclosures would not be cost effective at this time.