

**CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
WATER DEPARTMENT**

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 30, 2017 and 2016

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Grand Island, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska, as of and for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the 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

Our responsibility is to express opinions 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.

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

Basis for Qualified Opinion

Management of the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska, has omitted the Management's Discussion and Analysis that accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who consider it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the "Basis for Qualified Opinion" paragraph, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska, as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements present only the Water Department of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in its financial position, or, where applicable, its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska's financial statements. The operating statistics are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The operating statistics have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by *Government Auditing Standards*

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated January 25, 2018, on our consideration of the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska'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 solely 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 the effectiveness of the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska's 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 the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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Grand Island, Nebraska
January 25, 2018

**CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
WATER DEPARTMENT**

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

September 30,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,126,362	\$ 1,982,942
Investments	3,626,294	3,177,297
Receivables:		
Accounts, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$39,905 at September 30, 2017, and \$34,435 at September 30, 2016	573,028	518,136
Unbilled revenue	406,638	337,233
Interest	10,849	23,625
Special assessments	101,091	152,467
Inventory	298,195	308,000
Prepaid expense	12,256	13,062
Total current assets	7,154,713	6,512,762
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	3,960,029	298,271
Restricted investments	313,112	310,000
Capital assets:		
Construction in progress	1,950,904	622,419
Distribution and collection systems	73,063,074	70,446,926
Buildings and equipment	4,077,986	4,032,111
Less accumulated depreciation	(17,378,169)	(16,377,565)
Net capital assets	61,713,795	58,723,891
Total noncurrent assets	65,986,936	59,332,162
Total assets	73,141,649	65,844,924
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	447,195	228,257
Accrued expenses	365,065	310,908
Current portion of long-term obligations	295,000	230,000
Total current liabilities	1,107,260	769,165
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Compensated absences, noncurrent	34,947	47,873
Noncurrent portion of long-term obligations	7,140,000	2,595,000
	7,174,947	2,642,873
Total liabilities	8,282,207	3,412,038
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	54,278,795	55,898,891
Restricted for:		
Debt service	477,433	383,271
Uranium removal	225,000	225,000
Capital outlay - unspent bond proceeds	3,570,708	-
Unrestricted	6,307,506	5,925,724
Total net position	\$ 64,859,442	\$ 62,432,886

See notes to financial statements.

**CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
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STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the years ended September 30,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Operating revenues:		
Sale of water:		
Consumers	\$ 6,207,643	\$ 5,352,181
Municipal and interdepartmental	176,619	166,388
Total sales	<u>6,384,262</u>	<u>5,518,569</u>
Tap fees	56,500	35
Other revenue	251,940	237,831
Total operating revenues	<u>6,692,702</u>	<u>5,756,435</u>
Operating expenses:		
Production	2,052,346	1,916,191
Operation	989,141	860,023
Consumer accounting and collection	607,910	581,341
Employee benefits and payroll	236,440	199,776
General office expense	7,000	7,262
Special services	130,297	108,572
Insurance	10,997	13,168
Miscellaneous	249,952	245,602
Depreciation	1,082,210	1,020,661
Total operating expenses	<u>5,366,293</u>	<u>4,952,596</u>
Operating income	1,326,409	803,839
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest income	8,107	12,881
Gain on sale of assets	10,668	9,112
Contribution in aid of construction	1,443,108	1,965,100
Payments in lieu of taxes	(83,520)	(78,886)
Bond fees	(140,433)	-
Interest expense	(137,783)	(64,549)
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>1,100,147</u>	<u>1,843,658</u>
Change in net position	2,426,556	2,647,497
Net position, beginning of year	<u>62,432,886</u>	<u>59,785,389</u>
Net position, end of year	<u>\$ 64,859,442</u>	<u>\$ 62,432,886</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

For the years ended September 30,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 6,594,588	\$ 5,761,920
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(3,490,583)	(3,304,639)
Cash paid to employees for services	(730,415)	(708,030)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>2,373,590</u>	<u>1,749,251</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM NONCAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Payments in lieu of taxes	(78,886)	(71,942)
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Purchase of property and equipment	(2,456,749)	(1,242,422)
Proceeds on sale of capital assets	14,239	12,839
Collection of special assessments	51,376	68,005
Proceeds from issuance of bonds payable	7,435,000	-
Bond fees paid	(140,433)	-
Principal payments on long-term debt	(2,825,000)	(230,000)
Interest paid	(136,733)	(65,037)
Net cash provided (used) by capital and related financing activities	<u>1,941,700</u>	<u>(1,456,615)</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Investments redeemed	310,000	307,418
Investments purchased	(762,109)	(358,986)
Interest received	20,883	14,118
Net cash used by investing activities	<u>(431,226)</u>	<u>(37,450)</u>
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	3,805,178	183,244
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>2,281,213</u>	<u>2,097,969</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u><u>\$ 6,086,391</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,281,213</u></u>
Cash and cash equivalents consist of:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,126,362	\$ 1,982,942
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	3,960,029	298,271
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u><u>\$ 6,086,391</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 2,281,213</u></u>

See notes to financial statements.

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STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS, Continued

For the years ended September 30,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 1,326,409	\$ 803,839
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	1,082,210	1,020,661
Change in assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(124,297)	5,485
Inventories	9,805	(18,567)
Prepaid expenses	806	2,048
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	78,657	(64,215)
	<u>\$ 2,373,590</u>	<u>\$ 1,749,251</u>
 Supplemental cash flow information:		
Acquisition of capital assets through developers' aid of construction	<u>\$ 1,443,108</u>	<u>\$ 1,965,100</u>
Accounts payable incurred for capital asset purchases	<u>\$ 307,486</u>	<u>\$ 131,658</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The financial statements of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, Water Department (Department), are prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Department's reporting entity applies all relevant Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) pronouncements.

The financial statements referred to above present only the Department and do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the changes in financial position for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

1. Financial Reporting Entity

The City of Grand Island, Nebraska, Water Department is a public utility accounted for as an enterprise fund by the City of Grand Island, Nebraska (City). The City Council has the authority to set rates and charges, incur debt, and significantly influence operations. The Department utilizes the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners Uniform System of Accounts.

In determining the financial reporting entity, the Department complies with the provisions of GASB Statement No. 61, and has addressed all potential component units (traditionally separate reporting entities) for which the Department may be financially accountable, and, as such, should be included within the Department's financial statements. The Department (the primary government) is financially accountable if it appoints a voting majority of the organization's governing board and (1) it is able to impose its will on the organization or (2) there is a potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Department. Additionally, the primary government is required to consider other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading.

The Department is an enterprise fund of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, and has determined that it has no component units for reporting purposes.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued

September 30, 2017 and 2016

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

2. 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.

Measurement Focus

The Department utilizes the “flow of economic resources” measurement focus and uses the accrual basis of accounting. 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.

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. Revenues, expenses, gains, losses, assets, and liabilities resulting from exchange and exchange-like transactions are recognized when the exchange takes place.

The Department’s accounting records are maintained in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America for regulated utilities and generally follow the Uniform System of Accounts for Public Utilities and License prescribed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC). The Department prepares its financial statements as a business-type activity in conformity with applicable pronouncements of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB).

The Department first applies unrestricted net position when an expense or outlay is incurred for purposes for which both restricted and unrestricted net position are available.

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

3. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure 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.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the Statements of Cash Flows, the Department considers cash on hand and in the bank, as well as cash and equity in pooled cash held by the City, which are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and have original maturities of three months or less, to be cash and cash equivalents.

The Department participates in a cash management pool, managed by the City. The Department's interest in this pool consists of \$3,626,294 and \$3,177,297 of investments and \$6,086,391 and \$2,281,213 of cash and cash equivalents at September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

Investments and Investment Income

Investments in non-negotiable certificates of deposits are carried at cost. Investment income consists of interest income from nonnegotiable certificates of deposit and cash and cash equivalents.

Receivables

Billings for the sale of water are generally rendered on a monthly basis. Accounts receivable are stated at the amount billed to customers, with credit extended on an unsecured basis. The Department provides an allowance for doubtful accounts, which is based upon a review of outstanding receivables, historical collection information and existing economic conditions. Accounts receivable are ordinarily due 21 days after the issuance of the invoice. Delinquent receivables are written off based on individual credit evaluation and specific circumstances of the customer. Estimated sales which have not been billed are accrued and recorded in the period to which they relate as unbilled revenues.

Inventories

Materials and supplies inventories are stated at cost, which does not exceed market. Cost is generally determined on a weighted-average basis.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

3. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity, continued

Restricted assets

Restricted assets include cash and investments that are legally restricted as to their use. The restricted assets are related to \$477,433 in debt service reserve accounts, \$3,570,708 of unspent bond proceeds restricted for capital outlay, and a \$225,000 uranium removal system reserve.

Capital assets

Utility plant additions and replacements are generally stated at cost. Costs of labor, materials, supervision, and other expenses incurred in making repairs and minor replacements and in maintaining the plant in efficient operating condition are charged to expense. Plant accounts are charged with the costs of betterments and replacements of plant, except minor replacements, and the accumulated provision for depreciation is charged with retirements, together with removal costs, less salvage. Contributed assets are capitalized at their fair market value at the date of contribution. Depreciation of property, plant, and equipment is computed at an overall composite rate of approximately 1.34 percent in 2017 and 1.34 percent in 2016.

Costs related to studies expected to result in construction and/or acquisition of additional utility plant are deferred pending completion. Upon completion, such costs are capitalized as part of the cost of the plant to be constructed or acquired. If a project is terminated, costs of studies related thereto are charged to expense in accordance with the rate-making treatment adopted.

The Department capitalizes interest costs as a component of productive capacity, based on the weighted-average rates paid for long-term borrowing. Total interest incurred was:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Interest costs capitalized	\$ -	\$ -
Interest costs charged to expense	<u>137,783</u>	<u>64,549</u>
Total interest incurred	<u>\$ 137,783</u>	<u>\$ 64,549</u>

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NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

3. Assets, Liabilities, and Equity, continued

Compensated Absences

All regular full-time employees earn sick leave and vacation leave. Employees accrue vacation leave at variable rates based on years of service. Sick leave accrues at a rate of eight hours per month of service.

Compensated absences of the Department are summarized below:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
September 30, 2017	\$ 136,696	\$ 20,148	\$ (18,567)	\$ 138,277	\$ 103,330
September 30, 2016	\$ 135,937	\$ 20,001	\$ (19,242)	\$ 136,696	\$ 88,823

Long-term Debt

The long-term debt consists of bonds payable.

Net Position Classifications

Net Position is classified into three components:

- a. Net investment in capital assets – Consists of capital assets, including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes, or improvement of those assets.
- b. Restricted net position – Consists of net position with constraints placed on their use either by (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.
- c. Unrestricted net position – All other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “net investment in capital assets.”

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued

September 30, 2017 and 2016

NOTE A – SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES, continued

4. Revenues, Expenditures, and Expenses

Revenues and Expenses

As an enterprise fund, the Department distinguishes operating revenues and expenses from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the Department's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Department are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses 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 nonoperating revenues and expenses.

Contributions in Aid of Construction

Contributions in aid of construction are development projects constructed and contributed by developers. These contributions are recorded at fair value when the development is complete and are considered imposed non-exchange transactions.

NOTE B – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY

By its nature as a local governmental unit, the Department is subject to various federal, state, and local laws and contractual regulations. An analysis of the Department's compliance with significant laws and regulations and demonstration of its stewardship over Department resources follows:

1. Deposit Laws and Regulations

Custodial credit risk is the risk that, in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Department's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law.

State law requires collateralization of all deposits with federal depository insurance or with U.S. Treasury and U.S. agency securities having an aggregate value at least equal to the amount of the deposits. The Department's demand deposits are insured up to \$250,000 and certificates of deposit/savings accounts are insured up to \$250,000 by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC). Any cash deposits or certificates of deposit in excess of the FDIC limits are insured by collateral held by the pledging institution in the Department's name.

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NOTE B – STEWARDSHIP, COMPLIANCE, AND ACCOUNTABILITY, continued

2. Debt Restrictions and Covenants

Bonds Payable

The various bond ordinances relating to the bonds payable contain some restrictions or covenants that are financial-related. These include covenants such as debt service coverage requirements and required reserve account balances. The Department is in compliance with the bond restrictions and covenants.

3. Budgetary Data

An appropriated budget is adopted each fiscal period for the Department on the cash basis, which is consistent with State of Nebraska budget guidelines. Budgets are approved by the Mayor and City Council.

NOTE C – DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS

The following notes present detail information to support the amounts reported in the basic financial statements for the Department's various assets, liabilities, equity, revenues, and expenditures/expenses.

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Deposits

State law requires collateralization of all deposits with federal depository insurance or with U.S. Treasury and U.S. agency securities having an aggregate value at least equal to the amount of the deposits. The Department has been allocated a portion of the City's pooled cash. Of the pooled funds, none were uninsured and uncollateralized at September 30, 2017 and 2016.

The Department held certificates of deposit at September 30, 2017 and 2016, with a stated value of \$313,112 and \$310,000, respectively. At September 30, 2017 and 2016, the Department's deposits were not exposed to custodial credit risk.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued

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NOTE C – DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS, continued

1. Cash and Cash Equivalents, continued

Summary of Carrying Values

The carrying values of pooled cash and deposits at September 30, 2017 and 2016, are included in the statement of net position as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Equity in pooled cash	\$ 2,126,362	\$ 1,982,942
Equity in pooled investments	3,626,294	3,177,297
Equity in pooled cash – restricted	3,960,029	298,271
Certificates of deposit – restricted	<u>313,112</u>	<u>310,000</u>
	<u>\$ 10,025,797</u>	<u>\$ 5,768,510</u>

2. Restricted Assets

The restricted assets as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Restricted cash and cash equivalents	\$ 3,960,029	\$ 298,271
Restricted investments	<u>313,112</u>	<u>310,000</u>
	<u>\$ 4,273,141</u>	<u>\$ 608,271</u>

The restricted cash at September 30, 2017 and 2016 consists of bond and interest sinking funds of \$164,321 and \$73,271, respectively; unspent bond proceeds restricted for capital outlay of \$3,570,708 and \$0, respectively; and \$225,000 restricted at both September 30, 2017 and 2016, for the uranium removal system. The restricted investments represent the debt service reserve for the water bonds.

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued

September 30, 2017 and 2016

NOTE C – DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS, continued

4. Long-term Debt

Long-term debt at September 30, 2017 and 2016, is shown below:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Revenue bonds:		
Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, Series 2012, due annually to July 2, 2027, interest from 0.4 percent to 3.1 percent, secured by Water System revenue. These bonds were refinanced during the year ended September 30, 2017.	\$ -	\$ 2,825,000
Water Revenue and Refunding Bonds, Series 2017, due annually to March 15, 2037, interest from 2.0 percent to 3.5 percent, secured by Water System revenue.	7,435,000 <u>7,435,000</u>	- <u>2,825,000</u>
Less current maturities	<u>295,000</u>	<u>230,000</u>
Noncurrent portion	\$ <u>7,140,000</u>	\$ <u>2,595,000</u>

Long-term debt activity for 2017 and 2016 is summarized as follows:

	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Principal Payments</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	Amounts Due Within One Year
2017	<u>\$ 2,825,000</u>	<u>\$ 7,435,000</u>	<u>\$ (2,825,000)</u>	<u>\$ 7,435,000</u>	<u>\$ 295,000</u>
2016	<u>\$ 3,055,000</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (230,000)</u>	<u>\$ 2,825,000</u>	<u>\$ 230,000</u>

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NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued

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NOTE C – DETAIL NOTES ON TRANSACTION CLASSES/ACCOUNTS, continued

4. Long-term Debt, continued

The following is a summary of debt service requirements for the next five years and thereafter:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2018	\$ 295,000	\$ 201,855	\$ 496,855
2019	300,000	195,905	495,905
2020	305,000	189,855	494,855
2021	310,000	183,705	493,705
2022	320,000	177,405	497,405
2023-2027	1,695,000	781,885	2,476,885
2028-2032	1,935,000	546,291	2,481,291
2033-2037	<u>2,275,000</u>	<u>198,106</u>	<u>2,473,106</u>
	<u>\$ 7,435,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,475,007</u>	<u>\$ 9,910,007</u>

The indentures under which the Department’s revenue bonds were issued provide for the creation and maintenance of certain accounts. These accounts at September 30, 2017 and 2016, are shown in Note C2. There are a number of other limitations, restrictions, and covenants contained in the indentures under which the Department’s revenue bonds were issued.

The bonds maturing on and after March 15, 2022, are subject to redemption at the option of the City prior to maturity at any time after April 10, 2022, in whole or in part, at par plus accrued interest to the date fixed for redemption.

5. Payments to the City of Grand Island

The Department is exempt from federal and state income taxes and local property taxes. City ordinances provide for payments in lieu of taxes. The annual payments in lieu of taxes, amounting to \$83,520 and \$78,886 for 2017 and 2016, respectively, are set at one percent of the gross revenues of the Department. The Department does pay sales tax.

The City provides certain administrative services to the Department for which the Department pays fees to the City. These fees are included in special services expense and amount to \$114,162 and \$97,322 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

**CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
WATER DEPARTMENT**

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, Continued

September 30, 2017 and 2016

NOTE D – OTHER NOTES

1. Pension Plan

The City has a defined contribution employees' pension plan in which employees of the Department participate. The plan requires any new employee working a minimum of 1,000 hours to participate in the plan. The plan requires participants to contribute six percent of participant earnings in order for the pension plan to meet Internal Revenue Service guidelines for tax deferred pension plans. The Department is required to match the participants' contributions. As of October 1, 1997, participants can elect to contribute an additional four percent of their earnings with no Department match.

All participants are fully vested in their own contributions and become vested in the Department's contribution at varying rates depending on their date of employment. Full vesting in the Department's contributions occurs after five years of participation in the plan. The participants' and Department's contributions were \$43,547 and \$43,547, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2017, and \$42,410 and \$42,410, respectively, for the year ended September 30, 2016.

2. Risk Management

The Department participates in the City's self-insurance program administered by the City's Risk Management Division (Division). The City 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. On behalf of the City, the Division purchases insurance and administers funds for its self-insured program. The Division maintains a workers' compensation fund and a self-insured loss fund. The Division provides first dollar coverage for all workers' compensation exposure with insurance acting as an umbrella or excess coverage. The maximum exposure would be the deductible amounts for property and automobile physical damage, as well as losses not covered by insurance. The department has had no claims or judgments exceeding this commercial coverage in any of the past three fiscal years. Budgeted premium amounts charged to the Department are placed in the appropriate fund maintained by the Division. Premium expense for the Department was approximately \$50,000 and \$51,000 for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016.

3. Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through January 25, 2018, the date on which the financial statements were available for issue.

OTHER INFORMATION

**CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
WATER DEPARTMENT**

**OPERATING STATISTICS
(Unaudited)**

For the years ended September 30,

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Average number of consumers billed during the year	17,028	16,869
Gallons of Water (in thousands)		
Pumped	4,835,084	5,106,733
Less:		
Used at plant	263	212
Turbine cooling water	616,448	698,423
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Net water for sale	4,218,373	4,408,098
Sold (in thousands)	<hr/> 3,998,916	<hr/> 4,054,623
Unaccounted for (in thousands)	<hr/> 219,457	<hr/> 353,475
Percent of net water for sale unaccounted for	<hr/> <hr/> 5.20%	<hr/> <hr/> 8.02%



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

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The Honorable Mayor and City Council
City of Grand Island, Nebraska

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 the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska, as of and for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Department's financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2018. That report expressed a qualified opinion on the financial statements of the Department due to the exclusion of the Management's Discussion and Analysis, required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska'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 Department's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Department'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.

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. 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.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the Water Department, City of Grand Island, Nebraska's financial statements are free of 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 or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our 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.

*Amquist, Malbyholm,
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Grand Island, Nebraska
January 25, 2018