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**WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**  
(A Component Unit of the Washington Parish Government)  
Franklinton, Louisiana

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Independent Accountant's Compilation Report

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Independent Accountant's Report on Applying  
Agreed-upon Procedures

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As of and for the Year Ended December 31, 2000

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Release Date 05/09/01

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WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
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December 31, 2000

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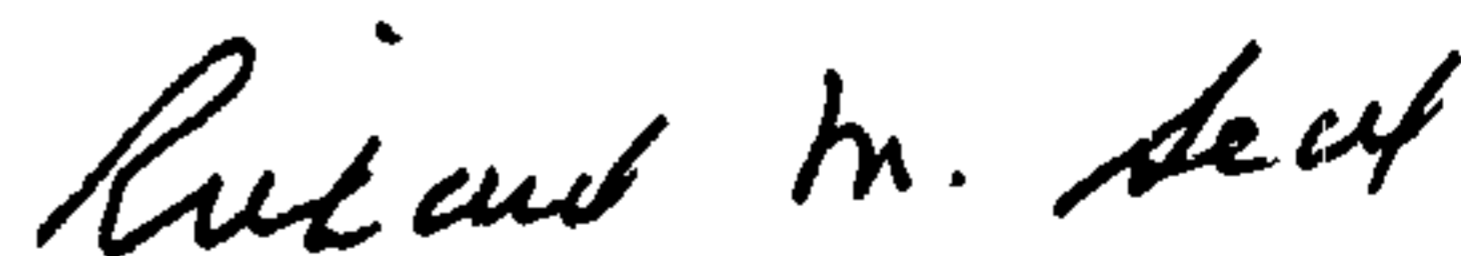
## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

Board of Commissioners  
Washington Parish Communications District  
Franklinton, Louisiana

I have compiled the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Washington Parish Communications District, a component unit of the Washington Parish Government, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2000, in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

A compilation is limited to presenting in the form of financial statements information that is the representation of management. I have not audited or reviewed the accompanying general-purpose financial statements and, accordingly, do not express an opinion or any other form of assurance on them.

In accordance with the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide* and the provisions of state law, I have issued a report, dated May 1, 2001, on the results of my agreed-upon procedures.



Certified Public Accountant

Bogalusa, Louisiana  
May 1, 2001

WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
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Franklinton, Louisiana  
ALL FUND TYPES

Balance Sheet  
December 31, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Type	
	Enterprise Fund	
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 36,446	
Investments	220,000	
Accounts receivable	13,624	
Total current assets		\$ 270,070
Property, plant and equipment		
Less accumulated depreciation	108,217 (84,604)	
Net property, plant and equipment		23,613
Other assets:		
Utility deposit	315	
Total other assets		315
Total Assets		\$ 293,998
 <b>LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY</b>		
Liabilities:		
Current liabilities:		
Accrued payroll taxes	\$ 1,134	
Total current liabilities		\$ 1,134
Fund equity:		
Retained earnings:		
Designated:		
Designated for road signs	5,163	
Designated for aerial map revision	10,000	
Designated for equipment replacement	30,000	
Undesignated	247,701	
Total fund equity		292,864
Total Liabilities and Fund Equity		\$ 293,998

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses,  
and Changes in Retained Earnings  
For the year ended December 31, 2000

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	
	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>	
Revenue:		
Emergency telephone service charge	\$ 222,536	
Interest	6,510	
Sign income	45	
Map income	<u>801</u>	
Total revenue		\$ 229,892
Expenses:		
Service and maintenance fee	83,042	
Salaries	31,871	
Payroll taxes	2,465	
Depreciation	6,920	
Repairs & maintenance	1,460	
Rent	2,690	
Office	2,169	
Utilities	4,658	
Signs	1,081	
Legal and professional	5,185	
Insurance	2,125	
Travel	4,166	
Map reprints	196	
Miscellaneous	<u>1,970</u>	
Total expenses		<u>149,998</u>
Net income for the year		79,894
Retained earnings, beginning		<u>212,970</u>
Retained earnings, ending		<u>\$ 292,864</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

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Statement of Cash Flows  
For the year ended December 31, 2000

	Proprietary Fund Type	
	Enterprise Fund	
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 79,894	
Adjustments to reconcile net operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	6,920	
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Decrease (increase) in:		
Accounts receivable	(208)	
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and accrued expenses	<u>(6,497)</u>	
Net cash provided by operating activities		\$ 80,109
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Payment for property and equipment	(3,031)	
Payments for the purchase of Certificates of Deposits	<u>(140,000)</u>	
Net cash provided by investing activities		<u>(143,031)</u>
Net cash increase (decrease) for the year		(62,922)
Cash at beginning of year		<u>99,368</u>
Cash at end of year		<u>\$ 36,446</u>

There was no interest paid in 2000.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement.

**WASHINGTON PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**  
**(A Component Unit of the Washington Parish Government)**  
**Franklinton, Louisiana**

**Notes to the General-Purpose Financial Statements**  
**As of and for the year ended December 31, 2000**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Washington Parish Communications District (the district) was created by the Washington Parish Government on May 17, 1988 under the provisions authorized by Louisiana Revised Statute 33:9101-9106. The purpose of the district is to establish and manage operations of an enhanced 911 emergency telephone system in Washington Parish. The district is governed by a seven (7) member board appointed by the parish government. Board members receive no compensation.

The district serves all of Washington Parish, approximately 18,000 residences and business establishments. It has equipped four public safety answering points: Washington Parish Sheriff's Office, Franklinton Police Department, Bogalusa Police Department, and Bogalusa Fire Department with enhanced 911 equipment. Each answering point is staffed by the respective agency's personnel. The district employs a director and part-time clerical staff worker.

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. BASIS OF PRESENTATION**

The accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Washington Parish Communications District have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) is the accepted standard-setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

**B. REPORTING ENTITY**

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Washington Parish Government is the financial reporting entity for Washington Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of (a) the primary government (parish government), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which

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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 or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Washington Parish Government for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and
  - a. The ability of the parish government to impose its will on that organization and/or
  - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the parish government.
2. Organizations for which the parish government does not appoint a voting majority but are fiscally dependent on the parish government.
3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the parish government appoints the district's governing body and imposes its will, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Washington Parish Government, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the parish government, the general government services provided by that governmental unit, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.



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**C. FUND ACCOUNTING**

The Washington Parish Communications District is organized and operated on a fund basis whereby a self-balancing set of accounts (Enterprise Fund) is maintained that comprises its assets, liabilities, fund equity, revenues, and expenses. The operations are financed and operated in a manner similar to a private business enterprise, where the intent of the governing body is that the cost (expenses, including depreciation) of providing services on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges.

**D. BASIS OF ACCOUNTING**

The accounting and financial reporting treatment applied to a fund is determined by its measurement focus. The Enterprise Fund is accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus and a determination of net income and capital maintenance. With this measurement focus, all assets and all liabilities associated with the operation of this fund is included on the balance sheet. The accrual basis of accounting is used. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized at the time liabilities are incurred. The Enterprise Fund uses the following practices in recording certain revenues and expenses:

**Revenues**

On November 10, 1988, the voters of Washington Parish approved a levy not to exceed 5% of the tariff rate approved by Public Service Commissions, on each private and commercial telephone to fund the enhanced 911 emergency telephone service. Beginning January 1, 1989, South Central Bell Telephone Company (SCB) began collecting a service charge of \$.55 per residential and \$1.43 per commercial telephone line. SCB remits monthly collections (less a 1% administrative fee) to the district by the fifteenth (15th) day of the following month. These revenues are recognized in the month of collection by SCB.

**Expenses**

The district records expenses when the liability has been incurred.

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**E. BUDGET PRACTICES**

As per Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1301, budget preparation and adoption is required for all political subdivisions of the state with a general fund or a special revenue fund. The Washington Parish Communications District is organized and maintains its accounts in an Enterprise Fund; therefore, the district is not required by state regulations or generally accepted accounting principles to adopt a budget.

**F. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AND INVESTMENTS**

Cash includes amounts in demand deposits, and interest-bearing demand deposits. The district includes in cash and cash equivalents, amounts in time deposits and those investments in bank certificates of deposits with original maturities of no more than 90 days. Under state law, the district may deposit funds in demand deposits, interest-bearing demand deposits, money market accounts, or time deposits with state banks organized under Louisiana law and national banks having their principal offices in Louisiana.

Under state law, the district may invest in United States bonds, treasury notes, or certificates. These are classified as investments if their original maturities exceed 90 days. Investments are stated at cost.

**G. FIXED ASSETS**

Fixed assets of the district are stated on the balance sheet of the fund at historical cost. Depreciation of all exhaustible fixed assets is charged as an expense against operations. Fixed assets reported on the balance sheet are net of accumulated depreciation (if reported net on the balance sheet). Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Maps	10 years
Equipment	7 years
Computer equipment	5 years

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**H. COMPENSATED ABSENCES**

The cost of current leave privileges, computed in accordance with GASB Codification Section C60, is recognized as a current-year expenditure in the proprietary fund when leave is actually taken.

Employees of the district earn vacation leave at varying rates according to years of service. Vacation leave must be taken during the year earned. However, upon termination employees are paid for any unused vacation leave earned during the year.

Employees earn 12 days of sick leave each year. A total of 45 days may be accumulated. All accumulated sick leave lapses upon termination.

**I. LONG-TERM LIABILITIES**

Long-term liabilities are recognized within the Enterprise Fund.

**J. FUND EQUITY**

**Reserves-**

Reserves represent those portions of fund equity not appropriable for expenditures or legally segregated for a specific future use.

**Designated Fund Balances-**

Designated fund balances represent tentative plans for future use of financial resources.

**2. CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS**

At December 31, 2000, the district had cash and cash equivalents (book balances) totaling \$36,446.

These deposits are stated at cost, which approximates market. Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit

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insurance must at all times equal the amount on deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging fiscal agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At December 31, 2000, the district had \$46,551 in deposits (collected bank balances).

**3. INVESTMENTS**

At December 31, 2000, the district held investments of Certificates of Deposit in three local banks amounting to \$220,000.

**4. RECEIVABLES**

The following is a summary of receivables at December 31, 2000:

Bell South	<u>\$13,624</u>
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**5. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

A summary of fixed assets at December 31, 2000 follows:

	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Accumulated Depreciation</u>	<u>Net</u>
Aerial maps	\$ 10,630	\$ 10,620	\$ 10
Office equipment & furniture	31,626	25,492	6,134
Recorders	<u>65,961</u>	<u>48,492</u>	<u>17,469</u>
Total	<u>\$ 108,217</u>	<u>\$ 84,604</u>	<u>\$ 23,613</u>

Depreciation is computed on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives ranging from five to ten years.

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**6. PENSION PLAN**

The district's employees are participants in the federal social security system. Employees contribute 7.65% of their pay and the district matches 7.65%. The district has no liability for benefit payments other than current payroll taxes.

**7. CREDIT RISK**

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 105, *Disclosure of Information about Financial Instruments with Off-balance Sheet Risk and Financial Instruments with Concentrations of Credit Risk*, requires certain disclosures about credit risk. Credit risk exists when bank deposits in one bank exceed the amount of FDIC insurance. The district had such a credit risk at December 31, 2000, as follows:

Cash in Zellco Federal Credit Union	\$ 109,284
FDIC Insurance	<u>(100,000)</u>
Amount of Credit Risk	<u>\$ 9,284</u>

**8. ADDENDA TO FINANCIAL REPORT REQUIRED BY LRS 33:9101 ET SEQ.**

In accordance with LRS 33:9101 et seq. and the Legislative Auditor Memorandum dated March 22, 2000, following is a summary of revenues derived from wireless service charges, how such funds were expended, and the progress of Phase 1 Implementation.

As of December 31, 2000:

Total funds received from wireless service charges	\$ 58,801
Expenditures made solely for wireless 9-1-1	-0-
Expenditures made solely for wireline 9-1-1	149,998

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Percentage of balance of expenditures attributable  
To wireless 9-1-1 (total balance of expenditures  
multiplied by the percentage of wireless calls  
received by the District to the total number  
of calls received) 0%

Status of Phase 1 Implementation:

The Board of Commissioners hope to have an election in July, 2001, asking for a 95¢ per month increase in telephone bills to finance Phase I Implementation.

# RICHARD M. SEAL

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT ◦ CERTIFIED GOVERNMENT FINANCIAL MANAGER

## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES

Board of Commissioners  
Washington Parish Communications District  
Franklinton, LA

I have performed the procedures included in the *Louisiana Government Audit Guide* and enumerated below, which were agreed to by the management of Washington Parish Communications District, a component unit of the Washington Parish Government, and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, solely to assist the users in evaluating management's assertions about Washington Parish Communications District's compliance with certain laws and regulations during the year ended December 31, 2000, included in the accompanying *Louisiana Attestation Questionnaire*. This agreed-upon procedures engagement was performed in accordance with standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. The sufficiency of these procedures is solely the responsibility of the specified users of the report. Consequently, I make no representation regarding the sufficiency of the procedures described below either for the purpose for which this report has been requested or for any other purpose.

### *Public Bid Law*

1. Select all expenditures made during the year for material and supplies exceeding \$15,000, or public works exceeding \$100,000, and determine whether such purchases were made in accordance with LA-RS 38:2211-2251 (the public bid law).

There were no expenditures for material and supplies over \$15,000.

*Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees*

2. Obtain from management a list of the immediate family members of each board member as defined by LA-RS 42:1101-1124 (the code of ethics), and a list of outside business interests of all board members and employees, as well as their immediate families.

Management provided me with the required list including the noted information.

3. Obtain from management a listing of all employees paid during the period under examination.

Management provided me with the required list.

4. Determine whether any of those employees included in the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (3) were also included on the listing obtained from management in agreed-upon procedure (2) as immediate family members.

None of the employees included on the list of employees provided by management appeared on the list provided by management in agreed-upon procedure (2).

*Budgeting*

5. Obtain a copy of the legally adopted budget and all amendments.

Because the district operates as an enterprise fund, neither state statute nor generally accepted accounting principles requires that a budget be adopted.

6. Trace the budget adoption and amendments to the minute book.

N/A

7. Compare the revenues and expenses of the final budget to actual revenues and expenses to determine if actual revenues or expenses exceed budgeted amounts by more than 5%.

N/A



### *Accounting and Reporting*

8. Randomly select six disbursements made during the period under examination and:

(a) trace payments to supporting documentation as to proper amount and payee;

Done.

(b) determine if payments were properly coded to the correct fund and general ledger account; and

All payments were coded to the correct fund and general ledger account.

(c) determine whether payments received approval from proper authorities.

Inspection of documentation supporting each of the six disbursements indicated approval from the Treasurer and Chairman of the Board. In addition, all major purchases were approved by the full board.

### *Meetings*

9. Examine evidence indicating that agendas for meetings recorded in the minute book were posted or advertised as required by LA-RS 42:1 through 42:12 (the open meetings law).

Management advertised each meeting in its official journal.

### *Debt*

10. Examine bank deposits for the period under examination and determine whether any such deposits appear to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

I inspected copies of all bank deposit slips for the period under examination and noted no deposits which appeared to be proceeds of bank loans, bonds, or like indebtedness.

*Advances and Bonuses*

11. Examine payroll records and minutes for the year to determine whether any payments have been made to employees which may constitute bonuses, advances, or gifts.

A reading of the minutes of Washington Parish Communications District and, a review of the check register disclosed no payments which may have constituted bonuses, advances, or gifts.

My prior year report, dated May 5, 2000, did not include any comments or unresolved matters.

I was not engaged to, and did not, perform an examination, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion on management's assertions. Accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. Had I performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to my attention that would have been reported to you.

This report is intended solely for the use of management of Washington Parish Communications District and the Legislative Auditor, State of Louisiana, and should not be used by those who have not agreed to the procedures and taken responsibility for the sufficiency of the procedures for their purposes. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.



Certified Public Accountant

Bogalusa, Louisiana  
May 1, 2001

**COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT**

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LOUISIANA ATTESTATION QUESTIONNAIRE

Richard M. Seal, CPA  
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Bogalusa, LA 70429-0128

In connection with your compilation of our financial statements as of December 31, 2000 and for the year then ended, and as required by Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513 and the *Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide*, we make the following representations to you. We accept full responsibility for our compliance with the following laws and regulations and the internal controls over compliance with such laws and regulations. We have evaluated our compliance with the following laws and regulations prior to making these representations.

These representations are based on the information available to us as of \_\_\_\_\_  
FEBRUARY 6, 2001.

**Public Bid Law**

It is true that we have complied with the public bid law, LSA-RS Title 38:2212, and, where applicable, the regulations of the Division of Administration, State Purchasing Office.

Yes  No [ ]

**Code of Ethics for Public Officials and Public Employees**

It is true that no employees or officials have accepted anything of value, whether in the form of a service, loan, or promise, from anyone that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1101-1124.

Yes  No [ ]

It is true that no member of the immediate family of any member of the governing authority, or the chief executive of the governmental entity, has been employed by the governmental entity after April 1, 1980, under circumstances that would constitute a violation of LSA-RS 42:1119.

Yes  No [ ]

**Budgeting**

We have complied with the state budgeting requirements of the Local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-14) or the budget requirements of LSA-RS 39:34.

Yes  No [ ]

**Accounting and Reporting**

All non-exempt governmental records are available as a public record and have been retained for at least three years, as required by LSA-RS 44:1, 44:7, 44:31, and 44:36.

Yes  No [ ]

We have filed our annual financial statements in accordance with LSA-RS 24:514, 33:463, and/or 39:92, as applicable.

Yes  No [ ]

We have had our financial statements audited or compiled in accordance with LSA-RS 24:513.

Yes  No [ ]

**Meetings**

We have complied with the provisions of the Open Meetings Law, provided in RS 42:1 through 42:12.

Yes  No [ ]

**Debt**

It is true we have not incurred any indebtedness, other than the credit for 90 days or less to make purchases in the ordinary course of administration, nor have we entered into any lease-purchase agreements, without the approval of the State Bond Commission, as provided by Article VII, Section 8 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, Article VI, Section 33 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and LSA-RS 39:1410.60-1410.65.

Yes  No [ ]

**Advances and Bonuses**

It is true we have not advanced wages or salaries to employees or paid bonuses in violation of Article VII, Section 14 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, LSA-RS 14:138, and AG opinion 79-729.

Yes  No

We have disclosed to you all known noncompliance of the foregoing laws and regulations, as well as any contradictions to the foregoing representations. We have made available to you documentation relating to the foregoing laws and regulations.

We have provided you with any communications from regulatory agencies or other sources concerning any possible noncompliance with the foregoing laws and regulations, including any communications received between the end of the period under examination and the issuance of this report. We acknowledge our responsibility to disclose to you any known noncompliance which may occur subsequent to the issuance of your report.

Cynthia A. August Secretary 2-06-01 Date  
Larry J. Latauff Treasurer 2-06-01 Date  
Warren J. Bedwell President 2-06-01 Date