# WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION REPORT OF AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPORTING DATA YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2022

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners Wheelwright Utility Commission Wheelwright, Kentucky

#### Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

#### **Opinions**

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the Wheelwright Utility Commission as of and for the years ended June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Wheelwright Utility Commission's basic financial statements as listed in the table of contents.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities, of the Wheelwright Utility Commission, as of June 30, 2022 and 2021, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

#### **Basis for Opinions**

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of our report. We are required to be independent of the Wheelwright Utility Commission and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements relating to our audit. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

#### Responsibilities of Management for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, and for 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is required to evaluate whether there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial doubt about the Wheelwright Utility Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for twelve months beyond the financial statement date, including any currently known information that may raise substantial doubt shortly thereafter.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinions. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance but is not absolute assurance and therefore is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and *Government Auditing Standards* will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control. Misstatements are considered material if there is a substantial likelihood that, individually or in the aggregate, they would influence the judgment made by a reasonable user based on the financial statements.

In performing an audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and Government Auditing Standards, we:

- Exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit.
- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, and design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks. Such procedures include examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Wheelwright Utility
  Commission's internal control. Accordingly, no such opinion is expressed.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates
  made by management, as well as evaluate the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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Conclude whether, in our judgment, there are conditions or events, considered in the aggregate, that raise substantial
doubt about the Wheelwright Utility Commission's ability to continue as a going concern for a reasonable period of time.

We are required to communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit, significant audit findings, and certain internal control-related matters that we identified during the audit.

Management has elected to omit the Management 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 considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. My opinion on the basic financial statements is not affected by this missing information.

#### Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 15, 2022. on our consideration of the Wheelwright Utility Commission'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 Wheelwright Utility Commission'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 Wheelwright Utility Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

Richard F. Paulmann CPA, LLC

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Pewee Valley, KY February 20, 2023

# WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION

# June 30, 2022

(with prior year data for comparison purposes only)

		6/30/2022		6/30/2021
Assets				
Current Assets:				
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	411,292	\$	282,827
Accounts Receivable (Net of	7	411,232	Ų	202,027
Allowance for Delinquencies				
of \$17,053 in 2020				
and \$0 in 2019)		66,021		39,551
Prepaid Expense		14,535		14,472
Total Current Assets		491,848		336,850
Noncurrent Assets				
Restricted Cash		317,613		326,820
Capital Assets:				
Land		5,000		5,000
Plumbing and Distribution System		3,785,319		3,121,448
Office Building		170,658		170,658
Transportation Equipment		191,523		191,523
Furniture, Fixtures and Equipment		37,647		11,047
Construction in Progress	_	-	_	634,397
Total Capital Assets		4,190,147		4,134,073
Less: Accumulated Depreciation	-	(2,678,221)	_	(2,565,009)
Net Capital Assets		1,511,926		1,569,064
Total Noncurrent Assets		1,829,539		1,895,884
Total Assets	\$_	2,321,387	\$_	2,232,734

# WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION STATEMENT OF NET POSITION 6/30/2022

(with prior year data for comparison purposes only)

		6/30/2022		6/30/2021
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Paybable	\$	36,993	\$	25,108
Payroll taxes		848		1,020
Accrued Sick and Vacation pay		3,057		5,706
Customer Deposits		54,760		52,850
Settlement Payable				-
Accrued Interest Payable		293		1,410
Current Portion of Long Term Debt		15,000		15,000
Total Current Liabilities		110,951		101,094
Noncurrent Liabilities		445.000		
Long Term Debt less current portion	-	415,000		430,000
Total Long Term Liabilites		415,000		430,000
Total Liabilities	-	525,951		531,094
Net Position:				
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt		1,081,926		1,124,064
Restricted for Capital Projects		-		-
Restricted for Debt Service		61,140		70,435
Restricted for Deposits		54,760		52,850
Unrestricted		597,610		454,291
Total Net Position	\$_	1,795,436	\$_	1,701,640

#### WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION

#### STATEMENT OF REVENUE EXPENDITURE AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION

For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 (with prior data for comparison purposes only)

		For the Year 2022	Ende	ed June 30 2021
Operating Revenue:	_			
Charges for Services	\$	750,301	\$	608,960
Collection and Late Fees				
Other Reveneue				
Other	_		_	
Total Operating Revenue		750,301		608,960
Operating Expenses:				
Water Treatment Supplies		70,158		61,213
Depreciation and Amortization		113,212		106,815
Sewer Operating Expenses		45,300		58,480
Gasoline and Fuel		66,126		50,118
Office Expense		14,462		15,894
Contracted Services		17,647		20,091
Miscellaneous		2,183		3,209
Insurance		14,472		12,775
Contractual Services		19,668		18,328
Payroll and Other Taxes		16,761		16,601
Utilties		56,736		43,999
Wages		216,401		181,351
Employee Benefits				3,214
Maintenance Materials and Supplies			-	5,036
Total Operating Expense		653,126		597,124
Operating Income (Loss)		97,175		11,836
Non-Operating Revenue (Expense)				•
Interest Income		1,699		219
Interest Expense		(17,090)		(16,923)
Cessation payments		-		
Administrative and Trustee Fees for Bond		-		-
Dividends		-		
Gain (Loss) on Sale of Assets		-		
Total Non-Operating Revenue (Expenses)		(15,391)		(16,704)
Income (Loss) Before Capital Contributions		81,784		(4,868)
Capital Contributions				
Grant Income		12,012		-
Capital Contributions	-			-
Total Capital Contributions		12,012		-
Change in Net Position		93,796		(4,868)
Total Net Position, Beginning		1,701,640		1,706,508
Total Position Assets, Ending		1,795,436	_	1,701,640

# WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION

#### Statement of Cash Flows

# For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 (with prior year data for comparison purposes only)

		For the Year E	nded	June 30
	42.000	2022		2021
Cash flows from operating activity				
Cash received from customers	\$	723,831	\$	612,805
Cash payments to suppliers for goods and services	*	(318,450)	7	(289,654)
Cash payment to employees		(213,580)		(217,828)
Cash received from deposits		1,910		(6,000)
Net cash provided by operating activites	*******	193,711	_	99,323
		193,711		
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities		-		
Subsidy From Federal and State Grant		12,012		-
Net Cash Provided (Used) By Noncapital	1000000	12,012	_	-
Financing Activities				
Cash flows from capital and related financing activites				
(Increase ) decrease in Restricted Assets Accounts				-
Loan Proceeds				-
Interest Paid		(17,091)		(16,923)
Principle Payment on Long term Debt		(15,000)		(15,000)
Asministrative and Trust Fees for bond		-		-
Acquistion and construction of capital assets		(56,073)		(83,446)
Decrease (Increase) in Consturction in progress		-		-
Proceeds from insurance recovery		-		
Proceeds on Sale of Assets		-		
Net cash provided by (used for) capital and related				
financing activities		(88,164)		(115,369)
Cash flows from investing activities				
Proceeds from earnings on investments	****	1,699	_	219
Net cash provided by (used for) investing activities		1,699	_	219
Total increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		119,258		(15,827)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	******	609,647	_	625,474
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year (Note 2)	\$	728,905	\$	609,647
Reconcilation of Cash				
Cash		411,292		282,827
Restricted Cash	******	317,613	-	326,820
CASH AT END OF THE YEAR	\$	728,905 \$		609,647

See accompaning notes to the basic financial statements PAGE 8

# WHEELWRIGHT UTILITY COMMISSION

#### Statement of Cash Flows

# For the Years Ended June 30, 2022 and 2021 (with prior year data for comparison purposes only)

	For the Year Ended June 30			June 30
	-	2022		2021
Reconcilation of Income from operations to net cash provided by operated activities:				
Income from operations	\$	97,175	\$	11,836
Adjustment to reconcile income from operations to net cash		observation (Francisco)		544 500 CO - CO
provided by operating activities:				
Operating Activities:				
Depreciation and amortization		113,212		106,815
Changes in assets and liabilities:				
Decrease (increase) in utiltiy accounts receivable		(26,470)		3,845
Decrease (increase) in prepaid expense		(63)		(14,472)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable and other payable		9,064		(2,701)
Increase (decrease) in customer deposits		1,910		(6,000)
Increase (decrease) in accrued interest		(1,117)		
Net cash provided by operating activites	\$	193,711	\$	99,323

#### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The significant policies of the Commission are as follows:

**Organization and Business Activities** – The Wheelwright Utility Commission (the "Commission") is a governmental organization with its primary activities consisting of sale of water and sewer and gas services to approximately 350 homes and businesses in and around Wheelwright, Kentucky, pursuant to Chapter 74 of the Kentucky Revised Statues to operate a water distribution system.

Basis of Accounting – The accounting and reporting policies of the Wheelwright Utility Commission relating to the funds included in the accompanying basic financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America applicable for local governments. Generally accepted accounting principles for local Governments includes those principles presented by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB), the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants in the publications entitled Audits of State and Local Governments and by the Financial Accounting Standards Board (when applicable). As allowed in section PBO of GASB's Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Reporting Standards the Commission has elected not to apply Financial Accounting Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee of Accounting Principle Board Opinions, and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee of Accounting and Procedures issued after November 30, 1969. The Commission first applies restricted resources when an expense is incurred for restricted and unrestricted purposes. The more significant polices of the Commission are described below.

#### **Basis of Presentation**

In accordance with Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 34, the Commission uses Proprietary Fund financial statement reporting including a Statement of Net Assets, Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Assets, and a Statement of Cash Flows.

The Statement of Net Assets includes the Commission's assets and liabilities and provides Information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to the Commission's creditors (liabilities). The difference between the assets and liabilities is shown as net assets. The statement also provides the basis of evaluating the capital structure of the Commission and assessing its liquidity and financial flexibility.

The statement of Revenue, Expenditure and Changes in Net Assets accounts for the current year's revenue and expense. This statement measures the success of the Commission's operations over the past year and determines whether the Commission has recovered its cost through user fees and other charges.

The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows. This statement reports cash receipts, cash disbursements, and changes in cash resulting from operations and investments during the reporting period.

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#### Note 1 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)

The Notes to the basic financial statements provide a description of the accounting policies used to prepare the financial statements and present disclosures required by generally accepted accounting principles that are not otherwise present in the financial statements.

The Commission's basic financial statements include the accounts of all Commission operations. The Commission's criteria for including organizations as component units with the Commission's reporting entity, as set forth in Section 2100 of GASB's <u>Codification of Governmental Accounting and Financial Standards includes whether:</u>

- The Organization is legally separate (can sue and be sued in their own name).
- The Commission holds the corporate powers of the organization.
- The Commission appoints voting majority of the organization.
- The Organization has the potential to impose a financial benefit/burden on the Association.
- There is fiscal dependency by the organization on the Commission.

**Component Unit Presentation –** Based on the aforementioned criteria the Commission has no component units.

**Cash -** For the purpose of the statement of cash flows, the Commission considers cash to include cash on hand and unrestricted cash in bank.

**Inventory –** Inventory consists primarily of pipes and supplies to be used for future expansion and repairs of existing lines. Inventory is valued at the lower of cost or market under first – in, first- out (FIFO) method.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts – The Commission utilizes the allowance method for accounting for bad debts. This method is based on historical experience and evaluation of outstanding accounts at year end. The Allowance for Doubtful as of June 30, 2022 and 2021 is \$9,083 and \$17,737.

**Operating and Non – Operating Revenue –** Only water and solid waste revenue and related service charges and penalties are considered as operating revenue.

**Applying Resources** – Restricted resources are applied first for expenses incurred for which both restricted and unrestricted net assets are available.

**Use of Estimates** – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual results can differ from those estimates.

#### Note 2 - Restricted Cash Accounts

The revenue bonds and loan were used to finance construction and major improvements to the water, sewer, and gas systems and are secured by property, revenues, and revenues of the individual systems. The bond and loan ordinances stipulated the revenues of each system are to be used first to maintain and establish reserves for the timely payment of principal and interest and to fund a reserve for future extraordinary, unusual, or emergency repairs to the system. Secondly, revenues are to be used to pay the routine operational and maintenance expenses of each system. The System elects to pay monthly installments directly to the water and gas system bondholders in lieu of establishing a reserve for debt service. At June 30, 2022 the water system's reserve was \$32,718.

The Kentucky Bond Corporation First Series 2014 lease requires the Commission to maintain restricted assets and certain reserves as follows:

- a) Proceeds from the bond issuance are restricted for the purpose of capital improvements to the water system. At June 30, 2022 the unspent portion was \$256,473.
- b) Debt service reserve fund. Proceeds of \$14,211 were set aside for principal and interest payments due in February , 2040 through January 1, 2041.
- c.) Sinking fund. The Sinking Fund was established to accumulate the amounts necessary to pay principal and interest due within the current year. On or before the last day of each month, an amount equal to the total of one-sixth of the semiannual interest payment plus one-twelfth of the next annual principal payment are to be transferred to the account. At June 30, 2020, the balance in the sinking fund was \$14,211.

#### Note 3 - Prepaid Items

Prepaid items include prepayment of service contracts, software rights and insurance. These amounts represent payments made in the current year for which services will be provided in the subsequent fiscal year.

#### Note 4 - Deposits with Financial Institutions

As of June 30, 2022, the company had amounts of \$728,905 on deposit with financial institutions with \$250,000 insured by FDIC and \$478,905 insured by pledged US Treasury Bills.

As of June 30, 2021, the company had amounts of \$609,647 on deposit with financial institutions with \$250,000 insured by FDIC and \$359,647 insured by pledged US Treasury Bills.

#### Note 5 - Subsequent Events

In preparing these financial statements, the Commission has evaluated events and transactions for the potential recognition or disclosure through February 20, 2023, the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

As a result of the spread of the COVID-19 coronavirus, economic uncertainties have arisen which could negatively impact Net Assets. Other financial impact could occur however such potential impact is unknown at this time.

On November 17, 2020 The Commission received letter from Energy and Environment Cabinet Department for Natural Resources granting \$2,050,000 AML Economic and Community Development Pilot Program to construct a new 432,000 GPD membrane filtration process water treatment plant.

#### Note 6 - Risk Management

Significant losses covered by commercial insurance with premiums (based on industry information adjusted for any Commission Claims) for general liability, vehicles, personal and real property. Settlement amounts have not exceeded insurance coverage for the current year or the prior years.

## Note 7 - Concentrations of Credit Risk

Concentrations of credit risk are limited due to the large number of customers comprising the Commission's customer base.

#### Note 8 - Property and Equipment

Capital assets, which include property, plant, equipment and vehicles, are reported in the applicable governmental column in the government – wide financial statements. All capital assets are valued at their historical cost or estimated historical cost if actual historical is not available. Donated assets are valued at their market value on the date donated. Repairs and maintenance are recorded as expenses. Renewals and betterments are capitalized.

Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight – line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows.

Depreciation has been calculated on each class of depreciable property using the straight – line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

Buildings	20 - 50 Years
Improvements	20 – 50 Years
Vehicles	5 – 10 Years
Equipment	7 – 20 Years
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# Note 8 - Property and Equipment (Continued)

The following summarizes the changes to capital assets for 2022	The following so	ummarizes the	changes to	capital	assets for	2022
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The following summarizes the chang	12	2022.		No.
	Balance			Balance
	07/01/21	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Disposals</u>	06/30/22
Land	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ -0-	\$ 5,000
Utility Plant	3,101,848	663,870	0	3,765,718
Equipment and Vehicles	199,023	0	0	199,023
Office Equipment	11,047	26,600	0	37,647
Office Building and Improvements	182,758	0	-0-	182,758
Construction in Progress	634,397	0	634,397	0-
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,134,073	\$690,047	\$ 634,397	\$ 4,190,147
Less				
Accumulated Depreciation				
Utility Plant	2,300,760	93,424	0	2,394,184
Office Building and Improvements	72,015	9,514	0	81,529
Equipment and Vehicles	181,372	8,151	0	189,523
Office Equipment	10,862	2,123	-0-	12,985
Total Accumulated	2,565,009	113,212	0	2.678,221
Balance – June 30	\$ 1,569,064		_	\$_1,511,926
balance same se				
The following summarizes the change	es to canital asse	ets for 2021:		
The following summarizes the change	Balance			Balance
	07/01/20	Additions	Disposals	06/30/21
Land	\$ 5,000	\$ 0	\$ -0-	\$ 5,000
Land	3,101,848	, O	Ş -0- 0	3,101,848
Utility Plant		0	0	199,023
Equipment and Vehicles	199,023	0	0	11,047
Office Equipment	11,047	_	-0-	182,758
Office Building and Improvements	99,312	83,446		
Construction in Progress	634,397	0	<u> </u>	634,397
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 4,050,627	\$ 83,446	\$ 0	\$ 4,134,073
Less				
Accumulated Depreciation			_	
Utility Plant	2,211,833	88,927	0	2,300,760
Office Building and Improvements	62,501	9,514	0	72,015
Equipment and Vehicles	173,221	8,151	0	181,372
Office Equipment	<u>10,639</u>	223	0	10,862
Total Accumulated	2,458,194	106,815	0	2,565,009
Balance - June 30	\$ 1,592,43 <u>3</u>			\$ 1,569,064

#### Note 9 -Bonds Payable

All bonds are secured by the Water Distributions system and related assets unless stated as non – secured:

#### **Kentucky Bond Corporation First Series 2014**

The City of Wheelwright entered into a \$550,000 lease agreement with the Kentucky Bond Corporation on February 28, 2014 to finance upgrades and improvements to the raw water intake system and the water treatment plant. The bond carries interest rates of 4% - 8% and matures on February 1, 2041. Interest is payable semiannually on August 1 and February 1 and principal is due February 1.

#### Changes in outstanding debt

changes in c	Balance July 1, 2021	<u>Addi</u>	tions	<u>Payments</u>	<u>Jur</u>	Balance ne 30, 2022	Current <u>Portion</u>
КВС	\$ 445,000	\$	0	\$ 15,000	\$	430,000	\$15,000

#### Note

Following are maturities of long – term debt as of June 30, 2022:

June 30	<u>Fees</u>	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>
2023	1,525	15,000	16,210
2024	1,487	15,000	15,760
2025	1,450	15,000	15,310
2026-2030	6.564	100,000	67,780
2031-2035	5,275	115,000	48,400
2036-2040	3,675	150,000	22,800
2041-2045	500	20,000	800
Total	<u>\$ 20.476</u>	\$ 430,000	\$ 186,787

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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

February 20, 2023

To the Board of Commissioners Wheelwright Utility Commission Wheelwright, Kentucky

I have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in **Government Auditing Standards** issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the governmental activities, the business-type activities of the Wheelwright Utility Commission, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2022, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise Wheelwright Utility Commission's basic financial statements and have issued my report thereon dated February 20, 2023.

## Internal Control over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit of the financial statements, I considered the Wheelwright Utility Commission's internal control over financial reporting (internal control) to determine the audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing my opinions on the financial statements; but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Wheelwright Utility Commission's internal control. Accordingly, I do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of the Wheelwright Utility Commission internal control.

My consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described below, I identified certain deficiencies in internal control that I consider to be material weakness and significant deficiencies.

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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. I consider the deficiencies described below to be material weakness.

- Commission records are not being maintained properly on the modified accrual basis of accounting.
- 2.) Capital Assets should be recorded and maintained with proprietary fund accounting.

Views of responsible officials:

The Commission will work on improving the accounting system to contain them

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

However, I did identify certain deficiencies in internal control, described below that I consider to be significant deficiencies.

- 1. Because of the size of the Wheelwright Utility Commission and the small number of persons it employs, it is not possible from a practical perspective, to achieve segregation of duties in many areas. As a result, a highly structured internal control system cannot exist. Management and the Commission should remain aware of the integrity of the employees and the need to provide appropriate supervision.
- 2. The staff is competent, capable and performs daily and monthly functions well.

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Wheelwright Utility Commission
February 20 2023
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Views of responsible officials:

While the Commission Agrees with this, they feel it would not be cost beneficial for them to add more staff.

#### Compliance and Other Matters

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

## Wheelwright Utility Commission Response to Findings

Wheelwright Utility Commission Response to findings identified previously were not subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of financial statements and, accordingly, I 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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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Pewee Valley, KY February 20, 2023

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