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CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas

Financial Statements
and Supplementary Information

December 31, 2018 and 2017

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City of Benton, State of Arkansas
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Management's Discussion and Analysis

The management's discussion and analysis of Benton Municipal Light and Water Works' (Utility System) financial performance provides an overview of the Utility System's financial activities for the year ended December 31, 2018. Please read it in conjunction with the Utility System's financial statements, which are presented on pages 7 through 18.

Required Financial Statements

The financial statements of the Utility System report information utilizing the full accrual basis of accounting. The financial statements conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The balance sheets include information of the Utility System's assets and liabilities and provide information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to Utility System's creditors (liabilities). The statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position identify the Utility System's revenues and expenses for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. This statement provides information on the Utility System's operations over the past two years and can be used to determine whether the Utility System has recovered all of its costs through user fees and other charges. The third financial statement is the statement of cash flows. This statement provides information on the Utility System's cash receipts, cash payments, and changes in cash resulting from operations, investments, and financing activities. From the statements of cash flows, the reader can obtain comparative information on the source and use of cash and the change in the cash balance for each of the last two years.

2018 Financial Highlights

- The Utility's total revenues increased by \$6,342,296 or 18.75% from \$33,829,655 at December 31, 2017, to \$40,171,951 at December 31, 2018. The increase in revenues is in great part due to an increase in electric rates.
- The Utility's total expenses increased by \$657,943 or 1.92% from \$34,186,836 at December 31, 2017, to \$34,844,779 at December 31, 2018. The increase in expenses is in great part due to an increase in repair projects.
- The Utility's total assets and deferred outflows of resources increased by \$11,516,815 or 11.85% from \$97,215,571 at December 31, 2017, to \$108,732,386 at December 31, 2018. The increase is due in great part to increases in board designated and restricted funds.

Financial Analysis of the Utility System

The statements of net position (condensed balance sheets) and condensed statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position provide an indication of the Utility System's financial condition. The Utility System's net position reflects the difference between assets and liabilities. An increase in net position over time typically indicates an improvement in financial condition.

Investment income increased by 236.97% or \$77,668 due to an increase of restricted interest income on bond money for utility projects.

Condensed Statements of Net Position

| | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Current Assets | \$ 14,539,621 | \$ 7,607,460 | \$ 8,308,934 |
| Restricted Assets | 8,978,765 | 2,816,587 | 2,987,255 |
| Capital Assets, Net | 82,953,590 | 84,286,162 | 85,272,185 |
| Deferred Outflows | 2,260,410 | 2,505,362 | 2,625,592 |
| Total Assets and Deferred Outflows | \$ 108,732,386 | \$ 97,215,571 | \$ 99,193,966 |
| Current Liabilities | \$ 8,146,129 | \$ 6,437,808 | \$ 7,119,568 |
| Long-Term Liabilities | 51,941,997 | 47,848,590 | 50,196,858 |
| Total Liabilities | 60,088,126 | 54,286,398 | 57,316,426 |
| Deferred Inflows | 979,254 | 656,834 | 290,717 |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 36,471,478 | 38,894,605 | 38,172,254 |
| Restricted | 3,325,115 | 2,176,104 | 1,820,567 |
| Unrestricted | 7,868,413 | 1,201,630 | 1,594,002 |
| Total Net Position | 47,665,006 | 42,272,339 | 41,586,823 |
| Total Liabilities and Net Position | \$ 108,732,386 | \$ 97,215,571 | \$ 99,193,966 |

Total net position increased by \$5,392,667 from \$42,272,339 at December 31, 2017, to \$47,665,006 at December 31, 2018, an increase of 12.76%. Current liabilities increased by \$1,708,321, or 26.54%.

Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

| | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 |
|--|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Operating Revenues: | | | |
| Services Fees and Penalties | \$ 39,884,463 | \$ 33,626,519 | \$ 34,085,612 |
| Other Revenue | 177,045 | 170,361 | 250,341 |
| Total Operating Revenues | 40,061,508 | 33,796,880 | 34,335,953 |
| Investment Income | 110,443 | 32,775 | 28,707 |
| Total Revenue | 40,171,951 | 33,829,655 | 34,364,660 |
| Operating Expenses: | | | |
| Power Costs | 16,836,858 | 16,824,846 | 16,293,183 |
| Plant Production Expenses | 1,977,666 | 1,994,112 | 2,312,788 |
| General and Distribution Expenses | 4,925,936 | 4,624,827 | 5,115,675 |
| Administrative Expenses | 1,996,067 | 1,790,518 | 2,128,131 |
| Depreciation Expense | 5,078,686 | 5,346,165 | 5,314,678 |
| Franchise Fees | 2,214,230 | 1,847,463 | 1,876,566 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 33,029,443 | 32,427,931 | 33,041,021 |
| Issuance Cost of Bonds | 91,423 | | |
| Interest Expense | 1,723,913 | 1,758,905 | 1,806,549 |
| Total Expenses | 34,844,779 | 34,186,836 | 34,847,570 |
| Net Income (Loss) Before Contributions | 5,327,172 | (357,181) | (482,910) |
| Capital Contributions | 65,495 | 1,042,697 | 1,054,316 |
| Change in Net Position | 5,392,667 | 685,516 | 571,406 |
| Net Position at Beginning of Year | 42,272,339 | 41,586,823 | 41,015,417 |
| Net Position at End of Year | \$ 47,665,006 | \$ 42,272,339 | \$ 41,586,823 |

Total revenues from services, fees and penalties reflect an increase from 2017 to 2018. The increase amount was \$6,257,944, or 18.61%. The increase in revenues is in great part due to an increase in electric rates.

Net income of \$5,327,172 before capital contributions, transfers, and extraordinary items, less capital contributions of \$65,495 were the two items that resulted in an increase of \$5,392,667 in net position for the year ending December 31, 2018.

Capital Assets

At December 31, 2018, the Utility had \$36,471,478 net invested in capital assets. This investment in capital assets includes land, buildings, vehicles, equipment, utility infrastructure, construction materials and construction in progress. The total decrease in the Utility's investment in capital assets for the year of 2018 was \$2,423,127 or 6.23%, due to an increase in bonds payable. A scheduled summary showing the changes to the capital assets during the year of 2018 can be found in Note 4 on page 13 of this audit report. A scheduled summary showing the changes to the revenue bonds payable during the year of 2018 can be found in Note 6 on page 14 of this audit report.

Debt Administration

At December 31, 2018, the Utility had \$49,495,613 in outstanding revenue bonds payable compared to \$43,246,040 outstanding at December 31, 2017. This increase of \$6,249,573 is the difference in the amount of bonds retired (paid off) during the year and the issuance of the January 30, 2018 bonds in the amount of \$7,800,000. An accumulated compensable (accrued salary, vacation and sick leave) balance of \$420,146 at December 31, 2018, is an increase of \$17,846 over the \$402,300 accrued as of December 31, 2017. A scheduled summary showing changes to the debt administration can be found in Note 1G on page 11 of this audit report.

Economic Factors and Next Year's Budget and Rates

The largest area of impact in 2018 was the \$7.8MM Bond Issue. These funds allowed the Utility to begin the relocation of Electric and Water lines along Interstate 30. This project is expected to be completed in 2019. This will allow the widening of Interstate 30 to 6 lanes from Exit 117 (Highway 5) to Exit 111 (Highway 70). \$3.3MM was spent on this and other projects in 2018. Other projects to be funded by the Bond Issue that are now in progress are:

- Critical Manhole Rehabilitation
- Saline River Circuit Crossing
- Clarifier & Yard Piping
- 16" Water Main – Downtown Phase 1

The second large area of impact was the 12% Electric rate increase approved by the City Council that became effective Jan. 1, 2018. This increase was necessary due to the 2014 reduction in rates that proved to be too aggressive with the necessary projects needed to fulfill the needs of our growing City. This increase was a sweeping across-the-board increase affecting all rate classes and customer charges. After a few months passed it was determined that the 12% increase to Large Power Rates for Commercial customers was too aggressive and needed to be revised in order to balance the demand to the utility and the impact on the growth of our commercial industries. The City Council approved a 6% reduction to those rates effective May 1, 2018. There were also automatic Water rate increases of 2%, which went into effect Jan. 1, 2018 and Jan. 1, 2019. The automatic 3% increase for Wastewater went into effect on April 1, 2018 and will also continue through April 1, 2020 as approved by City Council. The goal of these rate increases is to make each Utility Department (Electric, Water & Wastewater) solvent with adequate revenues to cover its own expenses. With this goal in mind, Benton Utilities entered into a Cost of Service Study with Utility Financial Solutions, LLC (UFS) of Grand Haven, MI. The study was completed and presented to the Public Utility Commission and City Council in November 2018. It was concluded that the Electric Utility was financially stable but the Water and Wastewater Utilities had rate structures that could not sustain them. There will need to be substantial increases for these utilities phased in over a few years in order to meet our goal of independent solvency for each utility service. This

Study will continue over the next few years as we make adjustments to the rates of all 3 utilities so that each can effectively support itself.

The current Electric Wholesale Power Contract will end May 31st 2019. The new contract starting June 1, 2019 will provide a reduction in the "known" costs of our wholesale power through May 2022. This should generate needed funds for the long-range projects to sustain the growth and infrastructure needs of the City of Benton.

Contacting the City's Financial Management

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, investors and creditors with a general overview of the Utility's finances. If you have any questions about this report or need additional information, contact the Utility Comptroller, Attn: Cindy Hawkins, at 1827 Dale Avenue, Benton, AR 72015, call (501) 776-5931, or e-mail at cindy@bentonar.org



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Independent Auditors' Report

Honorable Mayor and Benton Public Utility Commission
Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Benton Municipal Light and Water Works of the City of Benton, State of Arkansas, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, 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 an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

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

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Benton Municipal Light and Water Works of the City of Benton, State of Arkansas as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, 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.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis and schedule of changes in the net pension liability and related ratios and schedule of contributions for Benton Utilities employees' pension plan on pages 1 through 4 and pages 30 through 31 be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such 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. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the basic financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the basic financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The supplementary information on pages 19 through 29 is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the basic financial statements or to the basic financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1, the financial statements present only the Benton Municipal Light and Water Works and do not purport to, and do not present fairly the financial position of the City of Benton, State of Arkansas, as of December 31, 2018 and 2017, the changes in its financial position or 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.

Yoaikum, Lovell & Co., P.C.
Certified Public Accountants

Benton, Arkansas
March 19, 2019

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Statements of Net Position
December 31, 2018 and 2017

| Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|--|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Current Assets | | |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents | \$ 4,433,514 | \$ 3,096,019 |
| Utility Billings, Net of Allowance for Uncollectibles | 4,337,339 | 2,324,702 |
| Accounts Receivable | 23,241 | 19,431 |
| Prepaid Expenses | 136,294 | 103,806 |
| Supplies Inventory | 20,316 | 18,165 |
| Board Designated Funds | 5,588,917 | 2,045,337 |
| Total Current Assets | <u>14,539,621</u> | <u>7,607,460</u> |
| Non-Current Assets | | |
| Restricted Funds | 8,978,765 | 2,816,587 |
| Capital Assets: | | |
| Total Plant, Property and Equipment | 183,123,333 | 179,377,219 |
| Less Accumulated Depreciation | <u>(100,169,743)</u> | <u>(95,091,057)</u> |
| Total Non-Current Assets | <u>91,932,355</u> | <u>87,102,749</u> |
| Deferred Outflows of Resources | | |
| Deferred Pension Outflows | 1,595,154 | 1,779,401 |
| Deferred Loss on Early Retirement of Debt | 665,256 | 725,961 |
| Total Deferred Outflows of Resources | <u>2,260,410</u> | <u>2,505,362</u> |
| Total Assets and Deferred Outflows of Resources | <u>\$ 108,732,386</u> | <u>\$ 97,215,571</u> |

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

Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------|
| Current Liabilities | | |
| Accounts Payable | \$ 1,814,399 | \$ 1,585,164 |
| Customer Overpayments | 6,186 | 4,765 |
| Meter Deposits | 2,241,031 | 2,064,363 |
| Accrued Compensation | 420,146 | 402,300 |
| Sales Tax Payable | 89,989 | 60,806 |
| Accrued Interest Payable | 685,837 | 640,483 |
| Due to City Funds | 252,824 | 129,500 |
| Bonds Payable - Current Maturities | 2,635,717 | 1,550,427 |
| Total Current Liabilities | <u>8,146,129</u> | <u>6,437,808</u> |
| Non-Current Liabilities | | |
| Revenue Bonds Payable, Less | | |
| Current Maturities | 46,859,896 | 41,695,613 |
| Premium on Revenue Bonds | 2,722,893 | 2,986,939 |
| Discount on Revenue Bonds | (103,325) | (115,461) |
| Net Pension Liability | 2,462,533 | 3,281,499 |
| Total Non-Current Liabilities | <u>51,941,997</u> | <u>47,848,590</u> |
| Total Liabilities | <u>60,088,126</u> | <u>54,286,398</u> |
| Deferred Inflows of Resources | | |
| Deferred Pension Inflows | <u>979,254</u> | <u>656,834</u> |
| Net Position | | |
| Net Investment in Capital Assets | 36,471,478 | 38,894,605 |
| Restricted for Debt Service | 2,881,059 | 1,845,553 |
| Restricted for Capital Assets Replacement | 444,056 | 330,551 |
| Unrestricted | 7,868,413 | 1,201,630 |
| Total Net Position | <u>47,665,006</u> | <u>42,272,339</u> |
| Total Liabilities, Deferred Inflows of Resources and Net Position | <u>\$ 108,732,386</u> | <u>\$ 97,215,571</u> |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| Operating Revenues | | |
| Charges for Service | \$ 38,960,557 | \$ 32,679,421 |
| Service Charges and Connection Fees | 665,087 | 710,542 |
| Penalties | 258,819 | 236,556 |
| Other Income | 177,045 | 170,361 |
| Total Operating Revenues | <u>40,061,508</u> | <u>33,796,880</u> |
| Operating Expenses | | |
| Power Costs | 16,836,858 | 16,824,846 |
| Plant Production Expenses | 1,977,666 | 1,994,112 |
| General and Distribution Expenses | 4,925,936 | 4,624,827 |
| Administrative Expenses | 1,996,067 | 1,790,518 |
| Depreciation | 5,078,686 | 5,346,165 |
| Franchise Fees | 2,214,230 | 1,847,463 |
| Total Operating Expenses | <u>33,029,443</u> | <u>32,427,931</u> |
| Operating Income | <u>7,032,065</u> | <u>1,368,949</u> |
| Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) | | |
| Interest Income | 110,443 | 32,775 |
| Interest Expense | (1,723,913) | (1,758,905) |
| Issuance Costs of Bonds | (91,423) | |
| Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) | <u>(1,704,893)</u> | <u>(1,726,130)</u> |
| Net Loss Before Contributions and Transfers | 5,327,172 | (357,181) |
| Capital Contributions | <u>65,495</u> | <u>1,042,697</u> |
| Changes in Net Position | 5,392,667 | 685,516 |
| Total Net Position - Beginning of Year | <u>42,272,339</u> | <u>41,586,823</u> |
| Total Net Position - End of Year | <u>\$ 47,665,006</u> | <u>\$ 42,272,339</u> |

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

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Statements of Cash Flows
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities | | |
| Receipts from Customers | \$ 37,902,430 | \$ 33,639,276 |
| Payments to Suppliers | (20,223,935) | (20,558,675) |
| Payments to Employees | (5,999,756) | (5,939,202) |
| Payments to City for Franchise Fees | (2,090,906) | (1,846,098) |
| Other Receipts | 173,235 | 183,353 |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | 9,761,068 | 5,478,654 |
| Cash Flow from Non-Capital Financing Activities | | |
| Transfers (to) from Board Designated Funds | (3,543,580) | 1,562,281 |
| Net Cash Provided (Used) by Non-Capital Financing Activities | (3,543,580) | 1,562,281 |
| Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing | | |
| Purchases of Capital Assets | (3,295,907) | (3,587,653) |
| Principal Paid On Capital Debt | (1,550,427) | (1,510,846) |
| Interest Paid On Capital Debt | (1,869,764) | (1,971,112) |
| Proceeds from Revenue Bonds Issued | 7,800,000 | |
| Bond Issuance Costs | (91,423) | |
| Contributions from Developers | 2,595 | 465,073 |
| Transfers from Restricted Accounts | (5,985,510) | 371,814 |
| Net Cash Used by Capital and Related Financing | (4,990,436) | (6,232,724) |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities | | |
| Interest Received | 110,443 | 32,775 |
| Net Cash Provided by Investing Activities | 110,443 | 32,775 |
| Net Change in Cash and Cash Equivalents | 1,337,495 | 840,986 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - Beginning of Year | 3,096,019 | 2,255,033 |
| Cash and Cash Equivalents - End of Year | \$ 4,433,514 | \$ 3,096,019 |
| Reconciliation of Operating Income to Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities: | | |
| Operating Income (Loss) | \$ 7,032,065 | \$ 1,368,949 |
| Items Not Requiring Cash: | | |
| Depreciation | 5,078,686 | 5,346,165 |
| Changes in Assets and Liabilities: | | |
| Receivables, Net | (2,015,026) | (15,724) |
| Prepays | (32,488) | (8,588) |
| Inventories | (2,151) | 3,644 |
| Accounts Payable | (34,748) | (1,024,251) |
| Accrued Expenses | 47,029 | (82,734) |
| Net Pension Liability | (312,299) | (108,807) |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities | \$ 9,761,068 | \$ 5,478,654 |

Non-Cash Capital Financing Activities:

Capital assets of \$62,900 and \$577,624 were acquired through noncash contributions from street projects and developers for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

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

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The financial statements of the Benton Municipal Light and Water Works have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is responsible for establishing GAAP for state and local governments through its pronouncements (statements and interpretations). The more significant of the Benton Municipal Light and Water Works' accounting policies are described below:

- A. Reporting Entity** - The Benton Municipal Light and Water Works (the Utilities) is a part of the City of Benton, State of Arkansas (the City). The City is governed by the Mayor Council form of government which operated the utility system in prior years through January 1, 2006. Effective February 1, 2006, a Utility Commission was created and granted full power to manage, operate, control, supervise, improve, extend, maintain, and contract concerning the utility system, subject to the authorizing legislation and certain conditions set from time to time by the City Council. The statements reflect the results of operations or three departments: light, water and waste water. Material transactions between the departments have been eliminated.
- B. Basis of Accounting** - The Benton Municipal Light and Water Works is a proprietary enterprise type fund. The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting using the economic resources measurement focus. Their revenues are recognized when they are earned, and their expenses are recognized when they are incurred.
- C. Cash and Cash Equivalents** - For purposes of the statements of cash flows, the Utilities considers all highly liquid investments with an initial maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.
- D. Cash Deposits** - All cash deposits were insured or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution, trust department, or by its agent in the City's name as of the balance sheet date.
- E. Inventories** - Inventories are stated at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out method.
- F. Board Designated Funds** - The Utilities Board has designated that certain funds are to be deposited into separate accounts and are to be used for certain designated purposes. The funds may only be spent with the approval of the Utilities Board.
- G. Accumulated Compensated Absences** - It is the Utilities' policy to permit employees to accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation leave, which will be paid to employees upon separation from the Utilities' services. It is the Utilities' policy to pay up to a maximum of 90 accumulated sick days to employees who retire from the Utilities. The following is a schedule of accrued compensation at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively:

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|------------------|------------|------------|
| Accrued Salaries | \$ 97,629 | \$ 79,434 |
| Accrued Vacation | 128,325 | 124,282 |
| Accrued Sick | 194,192 | 198,584 |
| | \$ 420,146 | \$ 402,300 |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Notes to the Financial Statements

Note 1: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Cont'd)

H. Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include plant, property, equipment, and infrastructure assets, are stated at historical cost. Donated assets are valued at their fair market value on the date donated. Maintenance and repairs are charged directly against income as incurred. Renewals and betterments, which extend the useful lives of the assets, are capitalized. Interest costs incurred for specific projects are capitalized. Assets capitalized, not including infrastructure assets, have an original cost of \$5,000 or more. Infrastructure assets capitalized have an original cost of \$250,000 or more. Depreciation has been provided for primarily on the straight-line method. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

| | |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Buildings | 10 - 40 years |
| Vehicles | 3 - 5 years |
| Furniture | 3 - 10 years |
| Equipment and service | 3 - 40 years |

I. Net Position – The Utilities must report its net position as either restricted, unrestricted, or net investment in capital assets. These components of net position are defined below:

Net Investment in Capital Assets – This component of net position consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, mortgages, notes or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

Restricted – This component of net position consists of constraints imposed by creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments or constraints imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

Unrestricted – This component of net position consists of the remaining balance in net position that does not meet the definition of restricted or net investment in capital assets.

J. Use of Estimates - Management uses estimates and assumptions in preparing financial statements. Those estimates and assumptions affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

K. Capitalized Interest - Interest costs are capitalized when incurred by the Utilities on debt where proceeds were used to finance the construction of assets.

Note 2: Board Designated Funds

The Benton Public Utilities Board has designated the following funds as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|--------------|--------------|
| Public Utility Reservoir Contingent Fund | \$ 501,157 | \$ 92,565 |
| Public Utility Emergency Fund | 3,007,569 | 1,179,407 |
| Water System Capital Improvement Fund | 601,459 | 568,802 |
| Electric Capital Improvement Fund | 601,123 | 27,914 |
| Facilities Capital Improvement Fund | 25,049 | 3,815 |
| Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund | 601,230 | 171,120 |
| Alcoa Road Relocation and Improvement Fund | 671 | 665 |
| Economic Development Fund | 250,659 | 1,049 |
| | \$ 5,588,917 | \$ 2,045,337 |

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Note 2: Board Designated Funds (Cont'd)

Board designated funds consist of funds in depository accounts. The carrying value is the market value for these accounts.

Note 3: Restricted Funds

The restricted funds as of December 31, 2018 and 2017 are as follows:

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Bond Funds | \$ 1,032,823 | \$ 680,834 |
| Debt Service Funds | 2,534,073 | 1,805,202 |
| Depreciation Fund | 444,056 | 330,551 |
| Construction Fund | 4,967,813 | |
| Total Restricted Funds | \$ 8,978,765 | \$ 2,816,587 |

Restricted funds consist of funds in depository accounts and Treasury and Government Obligations. It is management's intent to hold the obligations to maturity, therefore the notes are carried at cost which approximates fair value.

Note 4: Capital Assets

The following is a summary of capital assets as of December 31, 2018 and 2017:

| | Balance 12/31/17 | Additions | Deletions | Transfers | Balance 12/31/18 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| Land | \$ 1,048,248 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,048,248 |
| Buildings - Administrative | 2,052,673 | | | | 2,052,673 |
| Vehicles | 3,307,723 | 475,462 | | | 3,783,185 |
| Furniture and Office Equipment | 178,795 | | | | 178,795 |
| Service Facilities and Equipment | 170,688,864 | 248,075 | | 2,219,504 | 173,156,443 |
| Construction Materials | 1,114,420 | | | (233,499) | 880,921 |
| Construction in Process | 986,496 | 3,022,577 | | (1,986,005) | 2,023,068 |
| | \$ 179,377,219 | \$ 3,746,114 | \$ | \$ | \$ 183,123,333 |

| | Balance 12/31/16 | Additions | Deletions | Transfers | Balance 12/31/17 |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|-----------|-------------|---------------------|
| Land | \$ 1,000,642 | \$ 47,606 | \$ | \$ | \$ 1,048,248 |
| Buildings - Administrative | 1,000,466 | | | 1,052,207 | 2,052,673 |
| Vehicles | 3,307,723 | | | | 3,307,723 |
| Furniture and Office Equipment | 175,781 | 3,014 | | | 178,795 |
| Service Facilities and Equipment | 165,238,122 | 598,725 | | 4,852,017 | 170,688,864 |
| Construction Materials | 1,628,764 | | | (514,344) | 1,114,420 |
| Construction in Process | 2,665,575 | 3,710,801 | | (5,389,880) | 986,496 |
| | \$ 175,017,073 | \$ 4,360,146 | \$ | \$ | \$ 179,377,219 |

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Note 5: Supplemental Cash Flow Disclosure

The interest paid in the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$2,029,510 and \$1,968,164, respectively.

Note 6: Revenue Bonds Payable

The interest rates and maturity dates of the revenue bonds payable as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

| | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------|
| Issue of March 6, 2009 | 2.75% | 6/01/2034 |
| Issue of April 1, 2012 | 1.00% to 5.00% | 9/01/2036 |
| Issue of July 1, 2015 | 2.00% to 5.00% | 9/01/2036 |
| Issue of January 30, 2018 | 2.27% | 9/01/2025 |

The following schedule details the changes in revenue bonds payable for the years ending December 31:

| | <u>2018</u> | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> |
|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Beginning Balance | \$ 43,246,040 | \$ 44,756,886 | \$ 46,212,312 |
| Issued | 7,800,000 | | |
| Retired | <u>(1,550,427)</u> | <u>(1,510,846)</u> | <u>(1,455,426)</u> |
| Ending Balance | <u>\$ 49,495,613</u> | <u>\$ 43,246,040</u> | <u>\$ 44,756,886</u> |

Maturities of revenue bonds as of December 31, 2018 are as follows:

| | <u>Principal</u> | <u>Interest and Service Fees</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------|
| 2019 | \$ 2,635,717 | \$ 2,061,153 | \$ 4,696,870 |
| 2020 | 2,706,013 | 1,989,699 | 4,695,712 |
| 2021 | 2,781,318 | 1,916,319 | 4,697,637 |
| 2022 | 2,871,631 | 1,824,062 | 4,695,693 |
| 2023 | 2,976,954 | 1,720,143 | 4,697,097 |
| 2024-2028 | 12,869,917 | 6,950,204 | 19,820,121 |
| 2029-2033 | 13,159,418 | 4,233,157 | 17,392,575 |
| 2034-2036 | <u>9,494,645</u> | <u>888,814</u> | <u>10,383,459</u> |
| | <u>\$ 49,495,613</u> | <u>\$ 21,583,551</u> | <u>\$ 71,079,164</u> |

Bond Premium – The series 2012 and 2015 revenue bonds were issued at a premium. The interest method of amortization is used to amortize the premium, based on the effective interest rate of the issue. The amount amortized for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$264,044 and \$272,261, respectively. The amortization is included in interest expense on the statement of revenues and expenses.

Bond Discount – The series 2012 revenue bonds were issued at a discount. The interest method of amortization is used to amortize the discount, based on the effective interest rate of the issue. The amount amortized for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$12,135 and \$12,983, respectively. The amortization is included in interest expense on the statement of revenues and expenses.

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Note 6: Revenue Bonds Payable (Cont'd)

Loss from Early Retirement of Debt – The Benton Utilities Commission on December 12, 2011 requested and received a resolution dated December 19, 2011 from the Benton City Council for the issuance of a 2012 Refunding and Improvement Bond Issue. The bonds were issued April 1, 2012. The proceeds of the \$24,600,000 issue refunded the 1995, 1997, 2001a, 2002, 2004a and 2004b bonds outstanding. The Benton Utilities Commission requested and received a resolution dated June 8, 2015 from the Benton City Council for the issuance of a 2015 Refunding Bond Issue. The bonds were issued July 1, 2015. The proceeds of the \$25,625,000 issue refunded the 2006 bonds outstanding. The difference between the book value of the refunded debt and the amount required to retire the debt created an economic loss of \$89,795 for the 2012 refunding and \$810,515 for the 2015 refunding. Each respective loss was deferred over the life of the refunded debt using the interest method of amortization, based on the effective interest rate. The amount amortized for the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017 was \$60,705 and \$61,749, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, this amortization is included in interest expense on the statement of revenues and expenses.

Note 7: Retirement Plan

The employees of the Benton Municipal Light and Water Works are covered by a single-employer defined benefit plan which covers all full-time employees who have six months of service.

The plan is administered by Simmons First Trust Company. The financial statements and disclosures for the plan are included in a stand-alone financial report provided by the actuary. As of the date of this report, the stand-alone financial report for 2018 is not available.

For financial statement purposes, the Utilities has recorded net pension liability and net pension inflows and outflows for the year ending December 31, 2017 using December 31, 2016 actuarial information and recorded net pension liability and net pension inflows and outflows for the year ending December 31, 2018 using December 31, 2017 actuarial information.

Membership in the plan as of December 31, 2017, is as follows:

| | |
|---|------------|
| Retirees and beneficiaries currently receiving benefits | 61 |
| Vested terminated employees | 24 |
| Current employees | <u>83</u> |
| Total | <u>168</u> |

The plan provides retirement benefits as well as disability benefits. Benefits begin vesting at five years of service and are 100 percent vested at fifteen years of service. All employees are entitled to a retirement benefit based on their period of service.

For services prior to October 31, 1968, benefits are based on .5% of monthly compensation and .5% of average monthly compensation in excess of \$400 multiplied by years of service from date of hire to October 31, 1968. For service between October 31, 1968 and December 31, 1989, benefits are based on 2% of average monthly compensation and .75% of average monthly compensation in excess of \$400 multiplied by years of service from the later of October 31, 1969 to December 31, 1989. For services after December 31, 1989, benefits are based on 2.75% of average monthly compensation multiplied by years of service (maximum 30 years) to normal retirement date.

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Note 7: Retirement Plan (Cont'd)

Employees may take early retirement between 55 and 65. The employee must complete ten years of service and be at least 55 years of age to be eligible for benefits. The early retirement pension is the actuarial equivalent of the accrued benefits at normal retirement age.

Employees hired before December 31, 2011 make no contribution to the plan. For employees hired after December 31, 2011, 2% of compensation is contributed until January 1 following date of hire and 4% contribution thereafter. No employee contributes after thirty years of service. The Benton Municipal Light and Water Works' contribution is actuarially determined.

The following is a schedule of changes in the employers' net pension liability and related ratios for years ending December 31:

| | <u>2017</u> | <u>2016</u> | <u>2015</u> |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Total Pension Liability | | | |
| Service Cost | \$ 382,204 | \$ 390,180 | \$ 340,980 |
| Service Transfer | | 4,256 | (884,253) |
| Interest | 1,136,662 | 1,114,521 | 1,144,187 |
| Differences Between Actual and Expected Experience | 71,899 | (363,881) | (297,057) |
| Benefit Payments | <u>(871,006)</u> | <u>(770,590)</u> | <u>(723,117)</u> |
| Net Change in Total Pension Liability | \$ 719,759 | \$ 374,486 | \$ (419,260) |
| | | | |
| Total Pension Liability – Beginning | <u>\$ 16,291,333</u> | <u>\$ 15,916,847</u> | <u>\$ 16,336,107</u> |
| Total Pension Liability – Ending | <u>\$ 17,011,092</u> | <u>\$ 16,291,333</u> | <u>\$ 15,916,847</u> |
| | | | |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position | | | |
| Contributions – Employee Mandatory | \$ 64,199 | \$ 49,641 | \$ 38,301 |
| Contributions – Employer | 913,740 | 685,000 | 700,012 |
| Service Transfer | | 4,256 | (884,253) |
| Net Investment Income | 1,431,792 | 939,583 | (493,083) |
| Benefits Payments | <u>(871,006)</u> | <u>(770,590)</u> | <u>(723,117)</u> |
| Net Change in Plan Net Position | \$ 1,538,725 | \$ 907,890 | \$ (1,362,140) |
| | | | |
| Net Position – Beginning | <u>\$ 13,009,834</u> | <u>\$ 12,101,944</u> | <u>\$ 13,464,084</u> |
| Net Position – Ending | <u>\$ 14,548,559</u> | <u>\$ 13,009,834</u> | <u>\$ 12,101,944</u> |

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was determined using a building block method of best-estimate ranges of expected future real rates of return. The target allocation of the plan is shown below:

| <u>Asset Class</u> | <u>Target Allocation</u> | <u>Long Term Expected Rate of Return</u> |
|--------------------|------------------------------|--|
| Fixed Income | 30% | 2.25% |
| Domestic Equity | 50% | 4.75% |
| Foreign Equity | 5% | 6.25% |
| Alternatives | 8% | 4.50% |
| Cash | <u>7%</u> | 0.25% |
| Total | 100% | |
| Expected Inflation | | 3.00% |

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Note 7: Retirement Plan (Cont'd)

The annual required contribution for 2018 was determined as part of the January 1, 2018, actuarial valuation using the entry age normal cost method. The actuarial assumptions included 7.0% investment rate of return and a projected salary increase of 2.0% annually. The assumptions did not include postretirement benefits increases. The actuarial value of assets was based on the fair market value.

The 1983 Group Annuity Mortality Table was used for life expectancy. The unfunded actuarial accrued liability is being amortized as a level percentage of projected payroll on an open basis. A single discount rate of 7.0% was used to measure the total pension liability. This single discount rate was based on the expected rate of return on pension plan investments of 7.0%. Regarding the sensitivity of the net pension liability to changes in the single discount rate the following presents the plan's net pension liability, calculated using a single discount rate of 7.0% as well as what the plan's net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a single discount rate that is one percentage point lower or one percentage point higher:

| | 1% Decrease to 6.0% | Current Single Rate Assumed | 1% Increase to 8.0% |
|-------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Total Pension Liability | \$ 19,563,637 | \$ 17,011,092 | \$ 15,455,292 |
| Net Pension Liability | \$ 5,015,078 | \$ 2,462,533 | \$ 906,733 |

Deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pensions were from the following sources:

| | Deferred Outflows of Resources | Deferred Inflows of Resources |
|---|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Difference between expected and actual experience | \$ 64,709 | \$ 509,142 |
| Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments | 574,441 | 470,112 |
| Contributions subsequent to measurement date | 956,004 | |
| | \$ 1,595,154 | \$ 979,254 |

Contributions made subsequent to the measurement date will be reversed in the year ending December 31, 2019. Amounts reported as deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to pension will be recognized in pension expense in the financial statements as follows:

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--|------------|--------------|
| Years ended December 31: | | 2019 | \$ 1,055,473 |
| | | 2020 | 99,470 |
| | | 2021 | (187,751) |
| | | 2022 | (169,010) |
| | | 2023 | (65,539) |
| | | Thereafter | (116,743) |
| | | | \$ 615,900 |

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Note 8: Subsequent Events

Management has evaluated subsequent events through March 19, 2019, the date which the financial statements were available to be issued.

Note 9: Related Party Transactions

The Utilities pays a franchise fee to the City and reimburses and receives reimbursement from the City for certain shared costs. The Utilities owed the City \$252,824 and \$129,500 at December 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, the Utilities had franchise fee expense to the City of \$2,214,230 and \$1,847,463, respectively.

Note 10: Reclassifications

Certain accounts in the prior year financial statements have been reclassified for comparative purposes to conform with the presentation in the current year financial statements.

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Schedule of Operating, Board Designated
and Restricted Funds
December 31, 2018 and 2017

| | 2018 | 2017 |
|--|---------------|--------------|
| Operating Funds | | |
| Cash on Hand | \$ 2,500 | \$ 2,500 |
| Demand Deposits - General Operating Accounts | | |
| Bank of the Ozarks | 1,537,478 | 1,673,268 |
| First Security Bank | 2,893,536 | 1,420,251 |
| Total Operating Funds | 4,433,514 | 3,096,019 |
| Board Designated | | |
| Reservoir Contingent Fund - First Security Bank | 501,157 | 92,565 |
| Utility Emergency Fund - First Security Bank | 3,007,569 | 1,179,407 |
| Water System Capital Improvement Fund - Bank of the Ozarks | 601,459 | 568,802 |
| Electric Capital Improvement Fund - Bank of the Ozarks | 601,123 | 27,914 |
| Facilities Capital Improvement Fund - Bank of the Ozarks | 25,049 | 3,815 |
| Wastewater Capital Improvement Fund - Bank of the Ozarks | 601,230 | 171,120 |
| Alcoa Road Utilities Relocation Fund - Bank of the Ozarks | 671 | 665 |
| Economic Development Fund - Bank of the Ozarks | 250,659 | 1,049 |
| Total Board Designated | 5,588,917 | 2,045,337 |
| Restricted Funds | | |
| Bond Funds | | |
| 03/06/09 Issue - Regions Corporate Trust | 1,423 | 1,366 |
| 04/01/12 Issue - US Bank Trust | 365,177 | 679,468 |
| 01/30/18 Issue - Regions Corporate Trust | 666,223 | |
| Total Bond Funds | 1,032,823 | 680,834 |
| Depreciation Fund | | |
| Public Utilities - First Security Bank | 444,056 | 330,551 |
| Debt Service Escrow Funds | | |
| 04/01/12 Issue - US Bank Trust | 1,153,313 | 1,138,138 |
| 07/01/15 Issue - Simmons Trust | 776,985 | 667,064 |
| 01/30/18 Issue - Regions Corporate Trust | 603,775 | |
| Total Debt Service Escrow Funds | 2,534,073 | 1,805,202 |
| Construction Fund | | |
| 01/30/18 Issue - Regions Corporate Trust | 4,967,813 | |
| Total Restricted Funds | 8,978,765 | 2,816,587 |
| Total Operating, Designated and Restricted Funds | \$ 19,001,196 | \$ 7,957,943 |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Departmental Statements of Revenues and Expenses
For the Years Ended December 31, 2018 and 2017

| | 2018 | | 2017 | | 2018 | | 2017 | | Eliminations | | 2018 | | 2017 | |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|----------------|------|----------------|
| | Light Dept. | | Light Dept. | | Water Dept. | | Water Dept. | | 2018 | | 2017 | Combined Total | | Combined Total |
| Revenue - Operations | \$ 28,312,242 | \$ 22,864,171 | \$ 6,127,656 | \$ 5,564,822 | \$ 5,822,507 | \$ 5,376,602 | \$ (1,301,848) | \$ (1,126,174) | \$ (1,301,848) | \$ (1,126,174) | \$ 38,960,557 | \$ 32,679,421 | | |
| Fees | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Service Charges and Connection Fees | 324,776 | 270,710 | 161,126 | 194,099 | 179,185 | 245,733 | | | | | 665,087 | 710,542 | | |
| Penalties | 173,172 | 151,548 | 35,475 | 34,763 | 50,172 | 50,245 | | | | | 258,819 | 236,556 | | |
| Other Income | 146,587 | 110,728 | 7,751 | 31,521 | 22,707 | 28,112 | | | | | 177,045 | 170,361 | | |
| Total Revenue - Operations | 28,956,777 | 23,397,157 | 6,332,008 | 5,825,205 | 6,074,571 | 5,700,692 | (1,301,848) | (1,126,174) | | | 40,061,508 | 33,796,880 | | |
| Expenses - Operations | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Power Costs | 16,836,858 | 16,824,846 | | | | | | | | | 16,836,858 | 16,824,846 | | |
| Plant Production | | | 1,367,241 | 1,337,906 | 1,768,369 | 1,640,208 | (1,157,944) | (984,002) | | | 1,977,666 | 1,994,112 | | |
| General and Distribution | 2,426,381 | 2,507,892 | 1,236,795 | 1,127,233 | 1,402,125 | 1,128,359 | (139,365) | (138,657) | | | 4,925,936 | 4,624,827 | | |
| Administrative | 702,290 | 612,637 | 638,864 | 582,249 | 659,452 | 599,147 | (4,539) | (3,515) | | | 1,996,067 | 1,790,518 | | |
| Depreciation | 1,127,716 | 1,084,487 | 1,647,712 | 1,668,173 | 2,303,258 | 2,593,505 | | | | | 5,078,686 | 5,346,165 | | |
| Franchise Fees | 1,552,144 | 1,235,480 | 328,029 | 301,216 | 334,057 | 310,767 | | | | | 2,214,230 | 1,847,463 | | |
| Total Expenses - Operations | 22,645,389 | 22,265,342 | 5,218,641 | 5,016,777 | 6,467,261 | 6,271,986 | (1,301,848) | (1,126,174) | | | 33,029,443 | 32,427,931 | | |
| Operating Income (Loss) | 6,311,388 | 1,131,815 | 1,113,367 | 808,428 | (392,690) | (571,294) | | | | | 7,032,065 | 1,368,949 | | |
| Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest Income | 67,459 | 20,247 | | 9,476 | 11,593 | 3,052 | | | | | 110,443 | 32,775 | | |
| Interest Expense | (76,923) | (80,454) | (419,844) | (439,160) | (1,227,146) | (1,239,291) | | | | | (1,723,913) | (1,758,905) | | |
| Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses) | (9,464) | (60,207) | (388,453) | (429,684) | (1,215,553) | (1,236,239) | | | | | (1,613,470) | (1,726,130) | | |
| Net Income (Loss) Before Contributions and Transfers | \$ 6,301,924 | \$ 1,071,608 | \$ 724,914 | \$ 378,744 | \$ (1,608,243) | \$ (1,807,533) | | | | | 5,418,595 | (357,181) | | |
| Capital Contributions | | | | | | | | | | | 65,495 | 1,042,697 | | |
| Bond Issuance Costs | | | | | | | | | | | (91,423) | | | |
| Change in Net Position | | | | | | | | | | | \$ 5,392,667 | \$ 685,516 | | |

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Schedule of Plant Production and Treatment Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

| | Water Dept. | Waste Water Dept. | Combined Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 411,224 | \$ 427,615 | \$ 838,839 |
| Fringe Benefits | 195,621 | 185,964 | 381,585 |
| Vehicle Operations | 9,862 | 20,779 | 30,641 |
| Building Maintenance | 28,974 | 22,867 | 51,841 |
| Equipment Repairs | 38,525 | 159,476 | 198,001 |
| Office Supplies | 896 | 1,804 | 2,700 |
| Janitorial Supplies and Services | 4,069 | 2,415 | 6,484 |
| Computer Supplies | 494 | 1,073 | 1,567 |
| Chemicals | 129,365 | 23,055 | 152,420 |
| Laboratory | 10,120 | 27,395 | 37,515 |
| Electric, Water and Waste Water | 426,164 | 731,910 | 1,158,074 |
| Miscellaneous | 8,721 | 69,397 | 78,118 |
| Heat - Natural Gas | 2,169 | 32,402 | 34,571 |
| Telephone | 2,932 | 4,322 | 7,254 |
| Equipment Rental | 1,323 | 376 | 1,699 |
| Small Tool Expense | 1,125 | 3,355 | 4,480 |
| Professional and Consulting | 52,770 | 1,355 | 54,125 |
| Insurance | 37,095 | 45,528 | 82,623 |
| Small Equipment Expense | 5,792 | 7,281 | 13,073 |
| Total | <u>\$ 1,367,241</u> | <u>\$ 1,768,369</u> | <u>\$ 3,135,610</u> |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
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Schedule of General, Distribution and Collection Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

| | Light Dept. | Water Dept. | Waste Water Dept. | Combined Total |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 1,181,951 | \$ 593,205 | \$ 471,259 | \$ 2,246,415 |
| Fringe Benefits | 496,891 | 286,337 | 205,706 | 988,934 |
| Vehicle Operations | 95,070 | 70,136 | 55,652 | 220,858 |
| Building Maintenance | 8,572 | 637 | 4,917 | 14,126 |
| Line Maintenance | 116,670 | 148,689 | 59,611 | 324,970 |
| Equipment Repairs | 5,694 | 6,410 | 9,224 | 21,328 |
| Street light Repairs | 47,431 | | | 47,431 |
| Lift Station Maintenance | | | 328,485 | 328,485 |
| Office Supplies | 1,006 | 488 | 1,372 | 2,866 |
| Janitorial Supplies and Services | 9,458 | 3,401 | 1,217 | 14,076 |
| Computer Supplies | 1,747 | 153 | 797 | 2,697 |
| Computer Services | 16,286 | 334 | 814 | 17,434 |
| Natural Gas | 3,607 | 2,293 | 325 | 6,225 |
| Electric, Water and Waste Water | 11,462 | 10,751 | 143,899 | 166,112 |
| Miscellaneous | 29,796 | 9,385 | 14,027 | 53,208 |
| Telephone | 11,277 | 7,724 | 3,972 | 22,973 |
| Equipment Rental | 109 | 239 | 109 | 457 |
| Small Tool Expense | 15,808 | 3,838 | 1,968 | 21,614 |
| Professional and Consulting | 334,935 | 82,238 | 81,519 | 498,692 |
| Insurance | 25,784 | 6,600 | 12,178 | 44,562 |
| Small Equipment Expense | 12,827 | 3,937 | 5,074 | 21,838 |
| Total | \$ 2,426,381 | \$ 1,236,795 | \$ 1,402,125 | \$ 5,065,301 |

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Schedule of Administrative Expenses
For the Year Ended December 31, 2018

| | Light Dept. | Water Dept. | Waste Water Dept. | Combined Total |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| Salaries | \$ 293,636 | \$ 293,636 | \$ 293,637 | \$ 880,909 |
| Fringe Benefits | 122,971 | 122,971 | 122,972 | 368,914 |
| Vehicle Operations | 6,013 | 6,013 | 6,012 | 18,038 |
| Building Maintenance | 3,212 | 3,212 | 3,212 | 9,636 |
| Equipment Repairs | 8,493 | 8,493 | 8,492 | 25,478 |
| Office Supplies | 13,047 | 13,047 | 13,048 | 39,142 |
| Postage | 27,906 | 27,906 | 27,906 | 83,718 |
| Janitorial Supplies and Services | 469 | 469 | 469 | 1,407 |
| Computer Supplies | 928 | 928 | 929 | 2,785 |
| Computer and Billing Services | 37,928 | 37,928 | 37,928 | 113,784 |
| Electricity, Water and Waste Water | 1,513 | 1,513 | 1,513 | 4,539 |
| Miscellaneous | 24,491 | 24,491 | 24,498 | 73,480 |
| Heat - Natural Gas | 246 | 246 | 247 | 739 |
| Telephone | 7,858 | 7,858 | 7,858 | 23,574 |
| Professional and Consulting | 74,630 | 74,630 | 74,630 | 223,890 |
| Customer Collection Expense | 3,129 | 3,129 | 3,130 | 9,388 |
| Insurance | 795 | 795 | 796 | 2,386 |
| Small Equipment Expense | 40 | 40 | 40 | 120 |
| Bad Debt Expense | 74,985 | 11,559 | 32,135 | 118,679 |
| Total | \$ 702,290 | \$ 638,864 | \$ 659,452 | \$ 2,000,606 |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Supplemental Water and Sewer Disclosures

The following is a summary of water and sewer rates and usage information for the system at December 31, 2018:

Sewer Monthly Rates

- (a) 0-2 mg minimum average water usage - \$13.10
- (b) All over 2 mg minimum average water usage - \$13.10 minimum, plus \$5.25 per mg for all over 2 mg, out of city limits \$22.93 minimum and \$9.19 mg for all over 2 mg.
- (c) New residential customers charged \$30.00 per month until six (6) winter month's time frame established.
- (d) Commercial/industrial customers will be based on actual monthly water usage unless a levelized bill is approved by the utilities general manager.
- (e) Those sewer customers moving from one location to another on the city system, and having a previously established six (6) winter months usage time frame at the old location, shall have the sewer rate for their previous location continued at their new location.

Number of Sewer Users

| | <u>2018</u> |
|-------------|---------------|
| Residential | 13,880 |
| Commercial | 1,243 |
| Industrial | <u>18</u> |
| | <u>15,141</u> |

| Annual Billable Water | <u>2018</u> <u>Gallons (000s)</u> |
|--|--------------------------------------|
| Total annual billable water | 1,434,912 |
| Less water billable to non-sewer customers | <u>(369,324)</u> |
| Net billable to sewer customers | <u>1,065,588</u> |
| | |
| Residential | 775,234 |
| Commercial | 211,226 |
| Industrial | <u>79,128</u> |
| Total water billable to sewer customers | <u>1,065,588</u> |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Revenue Bond Amortization Schedule
Issue Dated March 6, 2009

December 31, 2018

| Maturity Date | Principal | Interest | Principal Outstanding |
|------------------|-------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | | | 200,613 |
| 06/01/2019 | 5,322 | 2,758 | 195,291 |
| 12/01/2019 | 5,395 | 2,685 | 189,896 |
| 06/01/2020 | 5,469 | 2,611 | 184,427 |
| 12/01/2020 | 5,544 | 2,536 | 178,883 |
| 06/01/2021 | 5,620 | 2,460 | 173,263 |
| 12/01/2021 | 5,698 | 2,382 | 167,565 |
| 06/01/2022 | 5,776 | 2,304 | 161,789 |
| 12/01/2022 | 5,855 | 2,225 | 155,934 |
| 06/01/2023 | 5,936 | 2,144 | 149,998 |
| 12/01/2023 | 6,018 | 2,062 | 143,980 |
| 06/01/2024 | 6,100 | 1,980 | 137,880 |
| 12/01/2024 | 6,184 | 1,896 | 131,696 |
| 06/01/2025 | 6,269 | 1,811 | 125,427 |
| 12/01/2025 | 6,355 | 1,725 | 119,072 |
| 06/01/2026 | 6,443 | 1,637 | 112,629 |
| 12/01/2026 | 6,531 | 1,549 | 106,098 |
| 06/01/2027 | 6,621 | 1,459 | 99,477 |
| 12/01/2027 | 6,712 | 1,368 | 92,765 |
| 06/01/2028 | 6,804 | 1,276 | 85,961 |
| 12/01/2028 | 6,898 | 1,182 | 79,063 |
| 06/01/2029 | 6,993 | 1,087 | 72,070 |
| 12/01/2029 | 7,089 | 991 | 64,981 |
| 06/01/2030 | 7,187 | 893 | 57,794 |
| 12/01/2030 | 7,285 | 795 | 50,509 |
| 06/01/2031 | 7,386 | 694 | 43,123 |
| 12/01/2031 | 7,487 | 593 | 35,636 |
| 06/01/2032 | 7,590 | 490 | 28,046 |
| 12/01/2032 | 7,694 | 386 | 20,352 |
| 06/01/2033 | 7,800 | 280 | 12,552 |
| 12/01/2033 | 7,907 | 173 | 4,645 |
| 06/01/2034 | 4,645 | 64 | |
| | <u>\$ 200,613</u> | <u>\$ 46,496</u> | |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Revenue Bond Amortization Schedule
Issue Dated April 1, 2012

December 31, 2018

| Maturity Date | Principal | Interest | Principal Outstanding |
|------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ 16,600,000 |
| 03/01/2019 | | 363,725 | 16,600,000 |
| 09/01/2019 | 825,000 | 363,725 | 15,775,000 |
| 03/01/2020 | | 351,350 | 15,775,000 |
| 09/01/2020 | 845,000 | 351,350 | 14,930,000 |
| 03/01/2021 | | 338,675 | 14,930,000 |
| 09/01/2021 | 875,000 | 338,675 | 14,055,000 |
| 03/01/2022 | | 321,175 | 14,055,000 |
| 09/01/2022 | 910,000 | 321,175 | 13,145,000 |
| 03/01/2023 | | 302,975 | 13,145,000 |
| 09/01/2023 | 945,000 | 302,975 | 12,200,000 |
| 03/01/2024 | | 284,075 | 12,200,000 |
| 09/01/2024 | 985,000 | 284,075 | 11,215,000 |
| 03/01/2025 | | 259,450 | 11,215,000 |
| 09/01/2025 | 1,030,000 | 259,450 | 10,185,000 |
| 03/01/2026 | | 233,700 | 10,185,000 |
| 09/01/2026 | 1,090,000 | 233,700 | 9,095,000 |
| 03/01/2027 | | 206,450 | 9,095,000 |
| 09/01/2027 | 1,140,000 | 206,450 | 7,955,000 |
| 03/01/2028 | | 177,950 | 7,955,000 |
| 09/01/2028 | 1,190,000 | 177,950 | 6,765,000 |
| 03/01/2029 | | 154,894 | 6,765,000 |
| 09/01/2029 | 1,240,000 | 154,893 | 5,525,000 |
| 03/01/2030 | | 130,869 | 5,525,000 |
| 09/01/2030 | 1,290,000 | 130,869 | 4,235,000 |
| 03/01/2031 | | 105,875 | 4,235,000 |
| 09/01/2031 | 625,000 | 105,875 | 3,610,000 |
| 03/01/2032 | | 90,250 | 3,610,000 |
| 09/01/2032 | 655,000 | 90,250 | 2,955,000 |
| 03/01/2033 | | 73,875 | 2,955,000 |
| 09/01/2033 | 685,000 | 73,875 | 2,270,000 |
| 03/01/2034 | | 56,750 | 2,270,000 |
| 09/01/2034 | 720,000 | 56,750 | 1,550,000 |
| 03/01/2035 | | 38,750 | 1,550,000 |
| 09/01/2035 | 755,000 | 38,750 | 795,000 |
| 03/01/2036 | | 19,875 | 795,000 |
| 09/01/2036 | 795,000 | 19,875 | |
| | <u>\$ 16,600,000</u> | <u>\$ 7,021,325</u> | |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Revenue Bond Amortization Schedule
Issue Dated July 1, 2015

December 31, 2018

| Maturity Date | Principal | Interest | Principal Outstanding |
|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ |
| | | | 24,895,000 |
| 03/01/2019 | | 575,600 | 24,895,000 |
| 09/01/2019 | 760,000 | 575,600 | 24,135,000 |
| 03/01/2020 | | 564,200 | 24,135,000 |
| 09/01/2020 | 785,000 | 564,200 | 23,350,000 |
| 03/01/2021 | | 552,425 | 23,350,000 |
| 09/01/2021 | 805,000 | 552,425 | 22,545,000 |
| 03/01/2022 | | 536,325 | 22,545,000 |
| 09/01/2022 | 840,000 | 536,325 | 21,705,000 |
| 03/01/2023 | | 515,325 | 21,705,000 |
| 09/01/2023 | 880,000 | 515,325 | 20,825,000 |
| 03/01/2024 | | 493,325 | 20,825,000 |
| 09/01/2024 | 920,000 | 493,325 | 19,905,000 |
| 03/01/2025 | | 470,325 | 19,905,000 |
| 09/01/2025 | 970,000 | 470,325 | 18,935,000 |
| 03/01/2026 | | 455,775 | 18,935,000 |
| 09/01/2026 | 995,000 | 455,775 | 17,940,000 |
| 03/01/2027 | | 435,875 | 17,940,000 |
| 09/01/2027 | 1,035,000 | 435,875 | 16,905,000 |
| 03/01/2028 | | 410,000 | 16,905,000 |
| 09/01/2028 | 1,095,000 | 410,000 | 15,810,000 |
| 03/01/2029 | | 382,625 | 15,810,000 |
| 09/01/2029 | 1,145,000 | 382,625 | 14,665,000 |
| 03/01/2030 | | 354,000 | 14,665,000 |
| 09/01/2030 | 1,200,000 | 354,000 | 13,465,000 |
| 03/01/2031 | | 324,000 | 13,465,000 |
| 09/01/2031 | 1,980,000 | 324,000 | 11,485,000 |
| 03/01/2032 | | 274,500 | 11,485,000 |
| 09/01/2032 | 2,080,000 | 274,500 | 9,405,000 |
| 03/01/2033 | | 222,500 | 9,405,000 |
| 09/01/2033 | 2,185,000 | 222,500 | 7,220,000 |
| 03/01/2034 | | 167,875 | 7,220,000 |
| 09/01/2034 | 2,290,000 | 167,875 | 4,930,000 |
| 03/01/2035 | | 110,625 | 4,930,000 |
| 09/01/2035 | 2,405,000 | 110,625 | 2,525,000 |
| 03/01/2036 | | 50,500 | 2,525,000 |
| 09/01/2036 | 2,525,000 | 50,500 | |
| | <u>\$ 24,895,000</u> | <u>\$ 13,791,600</u> | |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Revenue Bond Amortization Schedule
Issue Dated January 30, 2018

December 31, 2018

| Maturity Date | Principal | Interest | Principal Outstanding |
|------------------|---------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| | \$ | \$ | \$ 7,800,000 |
| 03/01/2019 | | 88,530 | 7,800,000 |
| 09/01/2019 | 1,040,000 | 88,530 | 6,760,000 |
| 03/01/2020 | | 76,726 | 6,760,000 |
| 09/01/2020 | 1,065,000 | 76,726 | 5,695,000 |
| 03/01/2021 | | 64,638 | 5,695,000 |
| 09/01/2021 | 1,090,000 | 64,638 | 4,605,000 |
| 03/01/2022 | | 52,267 | 4,605,000 |
| 09/01/2022 | 1,110,000 | 52,267 | 3,495,000 |
| 03/01/2023 | | 39,668 | 3,495,000 |
| 09/01/2023 | 1,140,000 | 39,668 | 2,355,000 |
| 03/01/2024 | | 26,729 | 2,355,000 |
| 09/01/2024 | 1,165,000 | 26,729 | 1,190,000 |
| 03/01/2025 | | 13,507 | 1,190,000 |
| 09/01/2025 | 1,190,000 | 13,507 | |
| | <u>\$ 7,800,000</u> | <u>\$ 724,130</u> | |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Estimated Debt Service Coverage

December 31, 2018

| Year Ending 12/31 | 03/06/2009 Bonds | 4/1/2012 Bonds | 7/1/2015 Bonds | 1/30/2018 Bonds | Total Bonds |
|-------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| 2019 | \$ 16,160 | \$ 1,552,450 | \$ 1,911,200 | \$ 1,217,060 | \$ 4,696,870 |
| 2020 | 16,160 | 1,547,700 | 1,913,400 | 1,218,452 | 4,695,712 |
| 2021 | 16,160 | 1,552,350 | 1,909,850 | 1,219,276 | 4,697,636 |
| 2022 | 16,160 | 1,552,350 | 1,912,650 | 1,214,534 | 4,695,694 |
| 2023 | 16,160 | 1,550,950 | 1,910,650 | 1,219,336 | 4,697,096 |
| 2024 | 16,160 | 1,553,150 | 1,906,650 | 1,218,458 | 4,694,418 |
| 2025 | 16,160 | 1,548,900 | 1,910,650 | 1,217,014 | 4,692,724 |
| 2026 | 16,160 | 1,557,400 | 1,906,550 | | 3,480,110 |
| 2027 | 16,160 | 1,552,900 | 1,906,750 | | 3,475,810 |
| 2028 | 16,160 | 1,545,900 | 1,915,000 | | 3,477,060 |
| 2029 | 16,160 | 1,549,787 | 1,910,250 | | 3,476,197 |
| 2030 | 16,160 | 1,551,738 | 1,908,000 | | 3,475,898 |
| 2031 | 16,160 | 836,750 | 2,628,000 | | 3,480,910 |
| 2032 | 16,160 | 835,500 | 2,629,000 | | 3,480,660 |
| 2033 | 16,160 | 832,750 | 2,630,000 | | 3,478,910 |
| 2034 | 4,709 | 833,500 | 2,625,750 | | 3,463,959 |
| 2035 | | 832,500 | 2,626,250 | | 3,458,750 |
| 2036 | | 834,750 | 2,626,000 | | 3,460,750 |
| Totals | <u>\$ 247,109</u> | <u>\$ 23,621,325</u> | <u>\$ 38,686,600</u> | <u>\$ 8,524,130</u> | <u>\$ 71,079,164</u> |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Changes in the Net Pension Liability and Related Ratios
Benton Utilities Employees' Pension Plan

| | 12/31/17 | 12/31/16 | 12/31/15 | 12/31/14 | 12/31/13 | 12/31/12 |
|---|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Total Pension Liability | | | | | | |
| Service Cost | \$ 382,204 | \$ 390,180 | \$ 340,980 | \$ 335,144 | \$ 337,147 | \$ 307,809 |
| Service Transfer | | 4,256 | (884,253) | | | |
| Interest | 1,136,662 | 1,114,521 | 1,144,187 | 1,074,426 | 1,038,990 | 959,291 |
| Difference Between Actual and Expected Experience | 71,899 | (363,881) | (297,057) | 116,426 | (164,843) | 498,699 |
| Benefit Payments | (871,006) | (770,590) | (723,117) | (742,510) | (665,637) | (618,165) |
| Net Change in Total Pension Liability | \$ 719,759 | \$ 374,486 | \$ (419,260) | \$ 783,486 | \$ 545,657 | \$ 1,147,634 |
| Total Pension Liability - Beginning | \$ 16,291,333 | \$ 15,916,847 | \$ 16,336,107 | \$ 15,552,621 | \$ 15,006,964 | \$ 13,859,330 |
| Total Pension Liability - Ending | \$ 17,011,092 | \$ 16,291,333 | \$ 15,916,847 | \$ 16,336,107 | \$ 15,552,621 | \$ 15,006,964 |

Plan Fiduciary Net Position

| | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Contributions - Employee Mandatory | \$ 64,199 | \$ 49,641 | \$ 38,301 | \$ 29,480 | \$ 14,000 | \$ 2,263 |
| Contributions - Employer | 913,740 | 685,000 | 700,012 | 750,000 | 700,000 | 725,000 |
| Service Transfer | | 4,256 | (884,253) | | | |
| Net Investment Income | 1,431,792 | 939,583 | (493,083) | 620,952 | 1,554,607 | 918,794 |
| Benefits Payments | (871,006) | (770,590) | (723,117) | (742,510) | (665,637) | (618,165) |
| Net Change in Plan Net Position | \$ 1,538,725 | \$ 907,890 | \$ (1,362,140) | \$ 657,922 | \$ 1,602,970 | \$ 1,027,892 |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Beginning | \$ 13,009,834 | \$ 12,101,944 | \$ 13,464,084 | \$ 12,806,162 | \$ 11,203,192 | \$ 10,175,300 |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position - Ending | \$ 14,548,559 | \$ 13,009,834 | \$ 12,101,944 | \$ 13,464,084 | \$ 12,806,162 | \$ 11,203,192 |
| Net Pension Liability - Ending | \$ 2,462,533 | \$ 3,281,499 | \$ 3,814,903 | \$ 2,872,023 | \$ 2,746,459 | \$ 3,803,772 |
| Plan Fiduciary Net Position as a Percentage of Total Pension Liability | 85.52% | 79.86% | 76.03% | 82.42% | 82.34% | 74.65% |
| Covered Payroll | \$ 3,790,429 | \$ 3,712,310 | \$ 3,758,978 | \$ 3,223,284 | \$ 3,236,306 | \$ 3,263,281 |
| Net Pension Liability as a Percentage of Payroll | 64.97% | 88.40% | 101.49% | 89.10% | 84.86% | 116.56% |

Benton Municipal Light and Water Works
City of Benton, State of Arkansas
Required Supplementary Information
Schedule of Contributions
Benton Utilities Employees' Pension Plan

| Actuarial Valuation Date | Actuarially Determined Contribution | Actual Contribution | Contribution Deficiency (Excess) | Covered Payroll | Contribution as a % of Payroll |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | | |
| 12/31/14 | \$ 697,224 | \$ 750,000 | \$ (52,776) | \$ 3,236,306 | 23.17% |
| 12/31/15 | \$ 716,658 | \$ 700,012 | \$ 16,646 | \$ 3,758,978 | 18.62% |
| 12/31/16 | \$ 881,587 | \$ 685,000 | \$ 196,587 | \$ 3,712,310 | 18.45% |
| 12/31/17 | \$ 790,479 | \$ 913,740 | \$ (123,261) | \$ 3,790,429 | 24.11% |