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HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA



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OFFICIALS

<u>Office</u>	<u>Official</u>	<u>Term</u>
Clerk-Treasurer	Pamela J. Updike	01-01-04 to 12-31-07
Mayor	Terry R. Abbett	01-01-04 to 12-31-07
President of the Board of Public Works and Safety	Terry R. Abbett	01-01-04 to 12-31-07
President of the Common Council	Ervin R. Ebersole	01-01-05 to 12-31-06
Office Manager	Todd A. Slusser	01-01-05 to 12-31-06
Superintendent of Water Utility Plant Distribution	Darold L. Harlan, Jr. Owen L. Kirby	01-01-05 to 12-31-06 01-01-05 to 12-31-06
Superintendent of Wastewater Utility	Collin E. Bullock	01-01-05 to 12-31-06



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL  
UTILITIES, HUNTINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business-type activities of the City of Huntington Municipal Utilities (Utilities), departments of the City of Huntington, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2005. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Utilities' management. 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 includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note I, the financial statements of the Utilities are intended to present the financial position, and the changes in financial position and cash flows of only that portion of the business-type activities of the City that is attributable to the transactions of the Utilities. They do not purport to, and do not, present fairly the financial position of the City of Huntington as of December 31, 2005, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows, where applicable, for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business-type activities for the Utilities, as of December 31, 2005, and the respective changes in financial position and cash flows thereof for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Schedule of Funding Progress, as listed in the table of contents, is not a required part of the basic financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the required supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

The Utilities have not presented Management's Discussion and Analysis that the Governmental Accounting Standards Board has determined is necessary to supplement, although not required to be part of, the basic financial statements.

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CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
STATEMENT OF NET ASSETS  
December 31, 2005

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Water Utility</u>	<u>Wastewater Utility</u>
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 274,771	\$ 357,738
Accounts receivable - customers (net of allowance)	165,916	237,044
Accounts receivable - other	3,533	24,646
Interfund receivables:		
Interfund services provided or used	11,006	-
Inventories	<u>74,858</u>	<u>8,818</u>
Total current assets	<u>530,084</u>	<u>628,246</u>
Noncurrent assets:		
Restricted cash and cash equivalents:		
Customer deposits	210,916	-
Revenue bond covenant accounts	-	1,105,299
Other restricted accounts	<u>53,688</u>	<u>-</u>
Total restricted assets	<u>264,604</u>	<u>1,105,299</u>
Deferred charges	<u>-</u>	<u>169,008</u>
Capital assets:		
Land and improvements to land	126,720	131,620
Other capital assets (net of accumulated depreciation)	<u>8,507,376</u>	<u>26,762,741</u>
Total capital assets	<u>8,634,096</u>	<u>26,894,361</u>
Total noncurrent assets	<u>8,898,700</u>	<u>28,168,668</u>
Total assets	<u>9,428,784</u>	<u>28,796,914</u>
<u>Liabilities</u>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	44,065	38,498
Interfund payables:		
Interfund services provided or used	-	11,006
Accrued wages payable	31,917	29,816
Taxes payable	7,022	-
Capital leases payable	25,168	99,822
Current liabilities payable from restricted assets:		
Customer deposits	210,916	-
Revenue bonds payable	-	75,000
Accrued interest payable	<u>-</u>	<u>24,939</u>
Total current liabilities	<u>319,088</u>	<u>279,081</u>
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Revenue bonds payable (net of unamortized deferred loss on refunding)	-	8,187,164
Capital leases payable	35,653	126,208
Compensated absences	<u>8,118</u>	<u>7,541</u>
Total noncurrent liabilities	<u>43,771</u>	<u>8,320,913</u>
Total liabilities	<u>362,859</u>	<u>8,599,994</u>
<u>Net Assets</u>		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	8,573,275	17,698,331
Restricted for debt service	-	1,105,299
Unrestricted	<u>492,650</u>	<u>1,393,290</u>
Total net assets	<u>\$ 9,065,925</u>	<u>\$ 20,196,920</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS  
As Of And For The Year Ended December 31, 2005

	<u>Water Utility</u>	<u>Wastewater Utility</u>
Operating revenues:		
Metered water revenue:		
Residential	\$ 1,209,309	\$ -
Commercial	286,767	-
Industrial	156,475	-
Fire protection revenue	395,158	-
Penalties	17,268	67,844
Flat rate revenues	-	28,355
Measured revenue:		
Residential	-	1,636,377
Commercial	-	396,522
Industrial	-	1,052,088
Other	<u>32,297</u>	<u>53,946</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>2,097,274</u>	<u>3,235,132</u>
Operating expenses:		
Source of supply and expense - operations and maintenance		
Salaries and wages	147,964	-
Purchased power	119,800	-
Materials and supplies	1,795	-
Contractual services	40,884	-
Transportation	20,796	-
Rents	1,200	-
Miscellaneous	9,393	-
Water treatment expense - operations and maintenance		
Salaries and wages	147,964	-
Purchased power	59,262	-
Materials and supplies	40,464	-
Contractual services	65,923	-
Chemicals	3,914	-
Miscellaneous	3,792	-
Transmission and distribution		
Salaries and wages	266,037	-
Purchased power	21,109	-
Materials and supplies	261,712	-
Contractual services	94,251	-
Transportation	22,549	-
Miscellaneous	5,636	-
Collection system - operations and maintenance		
Salaries and wages	-	212,378
Purchased power	-	8,376
Materials and supplies	-	21,037
Contractual services	-	70,273
Transportation	-	51,020
Miscellaneous	-	411
Treatment and disposal - operations and maintenance		
Salaries and wages	-	326,017
Purchased power	-	177,830
Sludge removal	-	40,260
Chemicals	-	89,660
Materials and supplies	-	60,880
Contractual services	-	12,500
Miscellaneous	-	43,099

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STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN FUND NET ASSETS  
As Of And For The Year Ended December 31, 2005  
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	<u>Water Utility</u>	<u>Wastewater Utility</u>
Operating expenses (continued):		
Customer accounts		
Salaries and wages	69,431	167,489
Materials and supplies	19,226	6,174
Bad debt expense	150,589	124,946
Miscellaneous	1,046	-
Administration and general		
Salaries and wages	153,611	188,228
Employee pensions and benefits	221,029	189,873
Materials and supplies	1,786	17,936
Contractual services	3,888	3,000
Miscellaneous	61,841	48,820
Depreciation and amortization	<u>358,720</u>	<u>658,648</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>2,375,612</u>	<u>2,518,855</u>
Operating income (loss)	<u>(278,338)</u>	<u>716,277</u>
Nonoperating revenues (expenses):		
Interest and investment revenue	27,719	28,684
Interest expense	(2,614)	(481,262)
Amortization of bond issue costs	<u>-</u>	<u>(13,000)</u>
Total nonoperating revenues (expenses)	<u>25,105</u>	<u>(465,578)</u>
Income (loss) before contributions	(253,233)	250,699
Capital contributions	<u>123,004</u>	<u>164,459</u>
Change in net assets	(130,229)	415,158
Total net assets - beginning	<u>9,196,154</u>	<u>19,781,762</u>
Total net assets - ending	<u>\$ 9,065,925</u>	<u>\$ 20,196,920</u>

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS  
As Of And For The Year Ended December 31, 2005

	Water Utility	Wastewater Utility
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$ 2,096,644	\$ 3,181,531
Payments to suppliers and contractors	(827,002)	(658,498)
Payments to employees	(1,038,172)	(1,123,385)
Interfund services provided (used)	<u>(1,217)</u>	<u>1,217</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>230,253</u>	<u>1,400,865</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Acquisition and construction of capital assets	(304,437)	(198,748)
Principal paid on capital debt	(24,306)	(595,338)
Interest paid on capital debt	<u>(2,614)</u>	<u>(401,874)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(331,357)</u>	<u>(1,195,960)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Interest received	<u>27,719</u>	<u>28,684</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(73,385)	233,589
Cash and cash equivalents, January 1	<u>612,760</u>	<u>1,229,448</u>
Cash and cash equivalents, December 31	<u>\$ 539,375</u>	<u>\$ 1,463,037</u>
Reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income (loss)	<u>\$ (278,338)</u>	<u>\$ 716,277</u>
Adjustments to reconcile operating income (loss) to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation expense	358,720	658,648
(Increase) decrease in assets:		
Accounts receivable - customers	(1,226)	(57,862)
Interfund services provided or used	(1,217)	-
Allowance for uncollectible accounts	150,589	124,946
Inventories	34,797	(2,604)
Accounts receivable - other	596	4,261
Increase (decrease) in liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(11,936)	(4,618)
Interfund services provided or used	-	1,217
Accrued wages payable	(3,958)	(1,257)
Taxes payable	163	-
Compensated absences payable	(28,178)	(38,143)
Customer deposits	<u>10,241</u>	<u>-</u>
Total adjustments	<u>508,591</u>	<u>684,588</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 230,253</u>	<u>\$ 1,400,865</u>
Noncash investing, capital and financing activities:		
Contributions of capital assets from government	\$ 123,004	\$ 164,459

The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.

CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

I. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Reporting Entity

The financial statements reflect only the activity of the City of Huntington Municipal Utilities (Utilities) and are not intended to present fairly the financial position of the City of Huntington (City). The Utilities, whose operations are controlled by the City, represents all of the City's enterprise funds.

B. Fund Financial Statements

Business-type activity financial statements consist of the Statement of Net Assets; Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Fund Net Assets; and the Statement of Cash Flows. Business-type activities rely to a significant extent on fees and charges for support.

C. Measurement Focus, Basis of Accounting and Financial Statement Presentation

The accounts of the business-type activity are maintained and the financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Under the accrual basis of accounting, revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues from nonoperating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the enterprise funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as nonoperating revenues and expenses.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Assets or Equity

1. Deposits and Investments

The Utilities' cash and cash equivalents are considered to be cash on hand, demand deposits and short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less from the date of acquisition.

State statute (IC 5-13-9) authorizes the Utility to invest in securities, including but not limited to, federal government securities, repurchase agreements, and certain money market mutual funds. Certain other statutory restrictions apply to all investments made by local governmental units.

Nonparticipating certificates of deposit, demand deposits and similar nonparticipating negotiable instruments that are not reported as cash and cash equivalents are reported as investments at cost.

Investment income, including changes in the fair value of investments, is reported as revenue in the operating statement.

2. Inventories

All inventories are valued at cost using the first in/first out (FIFO) method.

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 NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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3. Restricted Assets

Certain proceeds of the enterprise fund revenue bonds, as well as certain resources set aside for their repayment, are classified as restricted assets on the statement of net assets balance sheet because their use is limited by applicable bond covenants.

4. Capital Assets

Capital assets, which include property, plant, and equipment, are reported in the financial statements.

Capital assets are reported at actual or estimated historical cost based on appraisals or deflated current replacement cost. Contributed or donated assets are reported at estimated fair value at the time received.

Capitalization thresholds (the dollar values above which asset acquisitions are added to the capital asset accounts), depreciation methods and estimated useful lives of capital assets are as follows:

	<u>Capitalization Threshold</u>	<u>Depreciation Method</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Life</u>
Buildings	\$ 1,000	Composite rate	1.5% to 2%
Improvements other than buildings	1,000	Composite rate	1.5% to 2%
Machinery and equipment	1,000	Composite rate	2% to 10%
Transportation equipment	1,000	Straight-line	5 years

For depreciated assets, the cost of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the asset or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

Major outlays for capital assets and improvements are capitalized as projects are constructed. Interest incurred during the construction phase of capital assets of business-type activities is included as part of the capitalized value of the assets constructed.

5. Compensated Absences

a. Sick Leave

Utility employees not covered by the collective bargaining agreement earn sick leave at the rate of ½ day per month. Unused sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of 60 days. Accumulated sick leave is not paid to employees upon termination.

Utility employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement earn sick leave at the rate of ½ day per month plus each employee shall receive 1 ½ days each January 1. Unused sick leave may be accumulated to a maximum of 80 days. Accumulated sick leave is not paid to employees upon termination of employment; however, employees may receive cash payments upon retirement.

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b. Vacation Leave

Utility employees not covered by the collective bargaining agreement earn vacation leave at rates from one week to six weeks per year based upon the number of years of service. Vacation leave does not accumulate from year to year.

Utility employees covered by the collective bargaining agreement earn vacation leave at rates from one week to six weeks per year based upon the number of years of service and the date of hire. Vacation leave may be accumulated to a maximum of two weeks. Accumulated vacation leave is paid to employees through cash payments upon termination of employment.

c. Personal Leave

Utility employees earn personal leave at the rate of one day per year. Personal leave does not accumulate from year to year.

Vacation and sick leave is accrued when incurred.

6. Long-Term Obligations

Long-term debt and other long-term obligations are reported as liabilities in the statement of net assets. Bond premiums and discounts, as well as issuance costs, are deferred and amortized over the life of the bonds using the straight-line method. Bonds payable are reported net of the applicable bond premium or discount. Bond issuance costs are reported as deferred charges and amortized over the term of the related debt.

II. Detailed Notes on All Funds

A. Deposits and Investments

Deposits, made in accordance with Indiana Code 5-13, with financial institutions in the State of Indiana at year end were entirely insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or by the Indiana Public Deposit Insurance Fund. This includes any deposit accounts issued or offered by a qualifying financial institution.

B. Capital Assets

Capital asset activity for the year ended December 31, 2005, was as follows:

CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
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	Beginning Balance	Increases	Decreases	Ending Balance
Water Utility:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 211,950	\$ -	\$ 85,230	\$ 126,720
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Improvements other than buildings	10,577,641	481,627	-	11,059,268
Buildings	1,178,471	6,887	-	1,185,358
Machinery and equipment	2,107,702	12,185	6,762	2,113,125
Transportation equipment	371,629	4,438	10,378	365,689
Totals	14,235,443	505,137	17,140	14,723,440
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Improvements other than buildings	3,758,702	211,553	-	3,970,255
Buildings	623,149	23,569	-	646,718
Machinery and equipment	1,246,655	84,704	6,762	1,324,597
Transportation equipment	245,978	38,894	10,378	274,494
Totals	5,874,484	358,720	17,140	6,216,064
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	8,360,959	146,417	-	8,507,376
Total Water Utility capital assets, net	\$ 8,572,909	\$ 146,417	\$ 85,230	\$ 8,634,096
Wastewater Utility:				
Capital assets, not being depreciated:				
Land	\$ 10,494	\$ 121,126	\$ -	\$ 131,620
Capital assets, being depreciated:				
Improvements other than buildings	23,314,633	81,766	-	23,396,399
Buildings	10,836,554	62,492	-	10,899,046
Machinery and equipment	1,282,362	83,351	63,660	1,302,053
Transportation equipment	346,908	6,938	46,745	307,101
Totals	35,780,457	234,547	110,405	35,904,599
Less accumulated depreciation for:				
Improvements other than buildings	4,707,010	349,720	-	5,056,730
Buildings	2,654,342	162,548	-	2,816,890
Machinery and equipment	970,795	128,236	63,660	1,035,371
Transportation equipment	261,468	18,144	46,745	232,867
Totals	8,593,615	658,648	110,405	9,141,858
Total capital assets, being depreciated, net	27,186,842	(424,101)	-	26,762,741
Total Wastewater Utility capital assets, net	\$ 27,197,336	\$ (302,975)	\$ -	\$ 26,894,361

CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
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Depreciation expense was charged to functions/programs of the Utility as follows:

Water	\$	358,720
Wastewater		<u>658,648</u>
 Total depreciation expense	 \$	 <u>1,017,368</u>

C. Leases

Capital Leases

The Utilities have entered into various capital leases for equipment. Future minimum lease payments and present values of the net minimum lease payments under these capital leases as of December 31, 2005, are as follows:

	<u>Water Utility</u>	<u>Wastewater Utility</u>
2006	\$ 26,921	\$ 107,043
2007	13,976	107,043
2008	13,977	13,977
2009	<u>9,317</u>	<u>9,318</u>
 Total minimum lease payments	 64,191	 237,381
 Less amount representing interest	 <u>3,370</u>	 <u>11,351</u>
 Present value of net minimum lease payments	 <u>\$ 60,821</u>	 <u>\$ 226,030</u>

Assets acquired through capital leases still in effect are as follows:

	<u>Water Utility</u>	<u>Wastewater Utility</u>
Machinery and equipment	\$ -	\$ 261,800
Transportation equipment	<u>100,724</u>	<u>64,418</u>
 Totals	 100,724	 326,218
 Accumulated depreciation	 <u>27,406</u>	 <u>39,064</u>
 Totals	 <u>\$ 73,318</u>	 <u>\$ 287,154</u>

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D. Long-Term Liabilities

1. Revenue Bonds

The Utility issues bonds to be paid by income derived from the acquired or constructed assets. Revenue bonds outstanding at year end are as follows:

Purpose	Interest Rates	Balance at December 31	Less: Unamortized Deferred Loss on Refunding	Revenue Bonds
1998 Wastewater Plant Improvement	4.05% to 4.90%	\$ 7,690,000	\$ 600,584	\$ 7,089,416
2003 Wastewater Refunding	2.00% to 4.75%	<u>1,280,000</u>	<u>107,252</u>	<u>1,172,748</u>
Totals		<u>\$ 8,970,000</u>	<u>\$ 707,836</u>	<u>\$ 8,262,164</u>

Revenue bonds debt service requirements to maturity are as follows:

Year Ended December 31	Wastewater Utility	
	Principal	Interest
2006	\$ 75,000	\$ 222,663
2007	560,000	384,604
2008	580,000	362,126
2009	605,000	338,046
2010	625,000	312,369
2011-2015	3,625,000	1,111,161
2016-2020	<u>2,900,000</u>	<u>240,778</u>
Totals	<u>\$ 8,970,000</u>	<u>\$ 2,971,747</u>

2. Advance Refunding

In prior years, the Utilities defeased certain revenue and other bonds by placing the proceeds of new bonds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments of the old bonds. Accordingly, the trust account assets and the liability for the defeased bonds are not included in the Utilities' financial statements. At December 31, 2005, the information for the bonds outstanding that are considered defeased is not readily available.

3. Changes in Long-Term Liabilities

Long-term liability activity for the year ended December 31, 2005, was as follows:

CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
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	<u>Beginning Balance</u>	<u>Additions</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	<u>Ending Balance</u>	<u>Due Within One Year</u>
Water Utility:					
Capital leases payable	\$ 85,127	\$ -	\$ 24,306	\$ 60,821	\$ 25,168
Compensated absences	<u>36,296</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>28,178</u>	<u>8,118</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Water Utility long-term liabilities	 <u>121,423</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>52,484</u>	 <u>68,939</u>	 <u>25,168</u>
Wastewater Utility:					
Revenue bonds payable	9,440,000	-	470,000	8,970,000	75,000
Capital leases payable	351,368	-	125,338	226,030	99,822
Compensated absences	<u>45,684</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>38,143</u>	<u>7,541</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total Wastewater Utility long-term liabilities	 <u>9,837,052</u>	 <u>-</u>	 <u>633,481</u>	 <u>9,203,571</u>	 <u>174,822</u>
 Total long-term liabilities	 <u>\$ 9,958,475</u>	 <u>\$ -</u>	 <u>\$ 685,965</u>	 <u>\$ 9,272,510</u>	 <u>\$ 199,990</u>

E. Restricted Assets

The balances of restricted asset accounts in the enterprise funds are as follows:

	<u>Water Utility</u>	<u>Wastewater Utility</u>
Customer deposits	\$ 210,916	\$ -
Bond and interest	-	101,461
Debt reserve	-	1,003,838
Internally restricted	112	-
Depreciation	<u>53,576</u>	<u>-</u>
 Total restricted assets	 <u>\$ 264,604</u>	 <u>\$ 1,105,299</u>

III. Other Information

A. Risk Management

The Utilities are exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; job related illnesses or injuries to employees; medical benefits to employees, retirees, and dependents (excluding postemployment benefits); and natural disasters.

The risks of torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; and natural disasters are covered by commercial insurance from independent third parties. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years. There were no significant reductions in insurance by major category of risk.

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Medical Benefits to Employees

The Utilities have chosen to establish a risk financing fund for risks associated with medical benefits to employees. The risk financing fund is accounted for in the Self-Insurance Fund on the City's records, an internal service fund, where assets are set aside for claim settlements. An excess policy through commercial insurance covers individual claims in excess of \$60,000 to \$200,000 per year, depending on the individual. Settled claims resulting from this risk did not exceed commercial insurance coverage in the past three years. Amounts are paid into the fund by all funds with payrolls and are available to pay claims, claim reserves, and administrative costs of the program. Interfund premiums are based upon an overall premium percentage which is applied to each fund's gross wages, and are reported as quasi-external interfund transactions.

Job Related Illnesses or Injuries to Employees

During 2002, the Utilities joined the Indiana Public Employers' Plan, Inc., a public entity risk pool currently operating as a common risk management and insurance program for approximately 350 member governmental entities. This risk pool was formed in 1989. The purpose of the risk pool is to provide a medium for the funding and administration of job related illnesses or injuries to employees. The Utilities pay an annual premium to the risk pool for its job related illnesses or injuries to employees coverage. The risk pool is considered a self-sustaining risk pool that will provide coverage for its members for up to \$1,000,000 per insured event. The risk pool obtains independent coverage for insured events in excess of the \$1,000,000 limit.

B. Rate Structure

1. Water Utility

On May 14, 1991, the Common Council adopted ordinance No. 9-C-91 to withdraw from the jurisdiction of the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission. The current rate structure was approved by the Common Council on September 14, 2004. The Utility has 6,594 customers.

2. Wastewater Utility

The current rate structure was approved by the Common Council on October 26, 2004. The Utility has 6,612 customers.

C. Pension Plan

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Plan Description

The City, including the Utilities, contributes to the Indiana Public Employees' Retirement Fund (PERF), a defined benefit pension plan. PERF is an agent multiple-employer public employee retirement system, which provides retirement benefits to plan members and beneficiaries. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in the defined benefit plan. State statutes (IC 5-10.2 and 5-10.3) govern, through the PERF Board, most requirements of the system and give the Utilities authority to contribute to the plan. The PERF retirement benefit consists of the pension provided by employer contributions plus an annuity provided by the member's annuity savings account. The annuity savings account consists of member's contributions, set by state statute at 3% of compensation, plus the interest credited to the member's account. The employer may elect to make the contributions on behalf of the member.

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PERF administers the plan and issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information for the plan as a whole and for its participants. The report may be obtained by contacting:

Public Employees' Retirement Fund  
 Harrison Building, Room 800  
 143 West Market Street  
 Indianapolis, IN 46204  
 Ph. (317) 233-4162

Funding Policy and Annual Pension Cost

The contribution requirements of plan members for PERF are established by the Board of Trustees of PERF. The Utilities' annual pension cost and related information, as provided by the actuary, is presented in this note.

Information to segregate the assets/liabilities and the actuarial study figures between the City and the Utilities is not available. Therefore, the liability for Net Pension Obligation (NPO) is considered an obligation of the City as a whole.

Actuarial Information for the Above Plan

	PERF
Annual required contribution	\$ 198,542
Interest on net pension obligation	(463)
Adjustment to annual required contribution	527
Annual pension cost	198,606
Contributions made	212,584
Decrease in net pension obligation	(13,978)
Net pension obligation, beginning of year	(6,383)
Net pension obligation, end of year	\$ (20,361)
Contribution rates:	
Utilities	5.75%
Plan members	3%
Actuarial valuation date	07-01-05
Actuarial cost method	Entry age
Amortization method	Level percentage of Projected payroll, closed
Amortization period	40 years
Amortization period (from date)	07-01-97
Asset valuation method	4 year smoothed market

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Actuarial Assumptions	PERF
Investment rate of return	7.25%
Projected future salary increases:	
Total	5%
Attributed to inflation	4%
Attributed to merit/seniority	1%
Cost-of-living adjustments	2%

Three Year Trend Information

	Year Ending	Annual Pension Cost (APC)	Percentage of APC Contributed	Net Pension Obligation
PERF	06-30-03	\$ 244,699	77%	\$ 737
	06-30-04	195,645	104%	(6,383)
	06-30-05	198,606	109%	(20,361)

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 REQUIRED SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
 SCHEDULE OF FUNDING PROGRESS

Public Employees' Retirement Fund

Actuarial Valuation Date	Actuarial Value of Assets (a)	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) (b)	Unfunded AAL (a-b)	Funded Ratio (a/b)	Covered Payroll (c)	Unfunded AAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll ((a-b)/c)
07-01-03	\$ 3,649,709	\$ 4,068,975	\$ (419,266)	90%	\$ 3,827,312	(11%)
07-01-04	3,716,849	4,268,061	(551,212)	87%	3,561,407	(15%)
07-01-05	3,885,195	4,576,809	(691,614)	85%	3,488,256	(20%)

CITY OF HUNTINGTON MUNICIPAL UTILITIES  
AUDIT RESULT AND COMMENT

DELINQUENT WASTEWATER ACCOUNTS

Delinquent wastewater fees and penalties had not been recorded with the County Recorder nor were they certified to the County Auditor which would result in a lien against the property. A similar comment appeared in prior Audit Report B25307.

Indiana Code 36-9-23-33 states in part:

"(b) Except as provided in subsection (l), the officer charged with the collection of fees and penalties assessed under this chapter shall enforce their payment. As often as the officer determines is necessary in a calendar year, the officer shall prepare either of the following:

- (1) a list of the delinquent fees and penalties that are enforceable under this section, which must include the following:
  - (A) the name or names of the owner or owners of each lot or parcel of real property on which fees are delinquent;
  - (B) a description of the premises, as shown by the records of the county auditor;  
and
  - (C) the amount of the delinquent fees, together with the penalty; or
- (2) an individual instrument for each lot or parcel of real property on which the fees are delinquent."

"(c) The officer shall record a copy of each list or each individual instrument with the county recorder . . ."

"(e) Using the lists and instruments prepared under subsection (b) and recorded under subsection (c), the officer shall, not later than ten (10) days after the list or each individual instrument is recorded under subsection (c), certify to the county auditor a list of the liens that remain unpaid for collection in the next May. . . ."

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EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on August 2, 2006, with Terry R. Abbett, Mayor; and Pamela J. Updike, Clerk-Treasurer.