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SUPPLEMENTAL COMPLIANCE REPORT

OF

CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE

TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015



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Wastewater Utility Director	David Henderson	01-01-15 to 12-31-16



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TO: THE OFFICIALS OF THE CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE, TIPPECANOE COUNTY, INDIANA

This report is supplemental to our audit report of the City of West Lafayette (City), for the period from January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015. It has been provided as a separate report so that the reader may easily identify any Federal Findings that pertain to the City. It should be read in conjunction with our Financial Statement and Federal Single Audit Report of the City, which provides our opinions on the City's financial statement and federal program compliance. This report may be found at www.in.gov/sboa/.

The Federal Finding, identified in the above referenced audit report, is included in this report.

Any Corrective Action Plan for the Federal Finding, incorporated within this report, was not verified for accuracy.

Paul D. Joyce
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October 20, 2016

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FEDERAL FINDING

FINDING 2015-001 - MAJOR CUSTOMER WASTEWATER BILLINGS

Condition

There was a deficiency in the internal control system concerning the billing procedures for the Wastewater Utility's major customer, Purdue University (University), that is considered a material weakness. The University, who provided approximately 38 percent of the Wastewater Utility's revenue for 2015, read their own water meters and submitted those readings to the City. The City calculated the amount owed based on the reported water consumption. The Wastewater Utility did not implement internal control procedures to ensure that accurate meter readings were used to calculate the University's bill.

Criteria

Governmental units should have internal controls in effect which provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial information and records, effectiveness and efficiency of operations, proper execution of management's objectives, and compliance with laws and regulations. Among other things, segregation of duties, safeguarding controls over cash and all other assets, and all forms of information processing are necessary for proper internal control.

Controls over the receipting, disbursing, recording, and accounting for the financial activities are necessary to avoid substantial risk of invalid transactions, inaccurate records and financial statements and incorrect decision making. (Accounting and Uniform Compliance Guidelines Manual for Cities and Towns, Chapter 7)

Cause

The Utility did not establish a system of internal control procedures over water meter readings at the University to ensure the accuracy of the meter reading used to calculate the University's bill.

Effect

Without a proper system of internal control in place that operated effectively, material errors in receipts from inaccurate billing could have remained undetected.

Views of Responsible Officials

For the views of responsible officials, refer to the Corrective Action Plan that is part of this report.



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CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN

FINDING 2015-001

Contact Person Responsible for Corrective Action: David S. Henderson, Utility Director
Contact Phone Number: (765) 775-5145

Views of Responsible Official:

We concur with the finding.

Description of Corrective Action Plan:

Officials from West Lafayette and Purdue University will meet to determine the appropriate procedure to verify meter reading accuracy. It will cover verifying 100% of the meters over the course of the next 12 months. This procedure will be reviewed, at least, on an annual basis to incorporate any changes in the billing or meter reading structure.

Anticipated Completion Date:

First group of meters to be verified by 11/30/2016.

Respectfully submitted by,



Peter L. Gray, City Controller

CLERK-TREASURER
CITY OF WEST LAFAYETTE
EXIT CONFERENCE

The contents of this report were discussed on October 20, 2016, with John R. Dennis, Mayor; Peter L. Gray, City Controller; and Sana G. Booker, President of the Board of Public Works and Safety.