

CITY OF HUGHES WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT  
HUGHES, ARKANSAS  
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REPORT ON  
APPLYING AGREED-UPON PROCEDURES  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

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PROCEDURES

We have performed the procedures enumerated below on compliance with Ark. Code Ann. 14-234-119 to 122, of the City Hughes Water and Sewer Department as of September 30, 2024, and for the year then ended. The City of Hughes Water and Sewer Department's management is responsible for the Department's accounting records.

The City of Hughes Water and Sewer Department has agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate to meet the intended compliance with Ark, Code Ann. 14-234-119 to 122. Additionally, the Mayor, City Council and management of the City of Hughes, Arkansas Water and Sewer Department have agreed to and acknowledged that the procedures performed are appropriate for its purpose. This report may not be suitable for other purposes. The procedures performed may not address all the items of interest of a user of this report and may not meet the needs of all users of the report, and as such, users are responsible for determining whether the procedures performed are appropriate for their purpose.

The procedures and associated findings are as follows:

**Cash and Investments**

1. We performed a proof of cash for the year and reconciled year end bank balances to book balances.
2. We obtained confirmation of the cash on deposit for the Hughes Water and Sewer Department:

Fidelity National Bank	
Operation and Maintenance	\$ 46,088
Revenue	3,145
Revenue 3%	71,810
Regions	9,214
Certificates of Deposit	69,419
	<u>\$ 199,676</u>

3. We agreed the proof of cash ending balances to the book balances.

We found no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

### **Receipts**

1. Agreed the deposits per the proof of cash for the year with the deposits per the receipts journal.
2. Agreed 10 customer payments on the accounts receivable sub ledger to deposit and billing documents.

We found no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

### **Accounts Receivable**

1. Agreed 10 customer billings to the accounts receivable sub ledger.
2. Reviewed five customer adjustments for proper authorization.

As a result of these procedures, we noted that billings were properly posted and adjustments were properly documented as to review and authorization.

### **Cash Disbursements**

1. Agreed the disbursements per the proof of cash for the year with the disbursements per the journal within 5 %.
2. Analyzed all property, plant and equipment disbursements.
3. Selected 10 disbursements and determined that they were adequately documented.

We found no exceptions as a result of these procedures.

### **Property, Plant, and Equipment**

We determined that all additions and disposals were properly accounted for in the records.

We found no exceptions as a result of the procedures.

### **Long-Term Debt**

1. We scheduled long-term debt and verified changes in the balances for the year.
2. We confirmed the loan payables with the lenders.

3. We determined that appropriate debt service accounts have been established and maintained.

A summary of long-term debt activity is as follows:

	<u>9/30/2023</u>	<u>additions</u>	<u>reductions</u>	<u>9/30/2024</u>
5% N/P - USDA; \$147/mo thru 2030, secured by pledge of future rev	\$ 9,423	\$ -	\$ 1,329	\$ 8,094
5% N/P - USDA; \$1,461/mo thru 2030, secured by pledge of future rev	34,980		16,194	18,786
4.75% B/P - ANRC; \$16,316/ bi-annual thru 2040 secured by pledge of future revenue and property, plant and equipment	329,486		23,734	305,752
	<u>\$ 373,889</u>		<u>\$ 41,257</u>	<u>\$ 332,632</u>

We were engaged by the City of Hughes Water and Sewer Department to perform this agreed-upon procedures engagement and conducted our engagement in accordance with attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. We were not engaged to, and did not conduct an examination or review engagement, the objective of which would be the expression of an opinion or conclusion, respectively on the specified elements, accounts, or items. Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. Had we performed additional procedures, other matters might have come to our attention that would have been reported to you.

We are required to be independent of the City of Hughes Water and Sewer Department and to meet our other ethical responsibilities, in accordance with the relevant ethical requirements related to our agreed-upon procedure engagement.

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December 16, 2024

CITY OF HUGHES WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT  
FINANCIAL STATEMENTS – CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024  
AND  
INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT’S COMPILATION REPORT

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**CITY OF HUGHES WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT  
HUGHES, ARKANSAS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

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INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S COMPILATION REPORT

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Management is responsible for the accompanying financial statements of Hughes Water and Sewer Department, which comprise the statement of assets, liabilities and net position – cash basis as of September 30, 2024 and the related statement of receipts and disbursements- cash basis for the year then ended in accordance with the cash basis of accounting and for determining that the cash basis of accounting is an acceptable financial reporting framework. We have performed a compilation engagement in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services, promulgated by the Accounting and Review Services Committee of the AICPA. We did not audit or review the financial statements nor were we required to perform any procedures to verify the accuracy or completeness of the information provided by management. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion, a conclusion, nor provide any form of assurance on these financial statements.

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the cash basis of accounting, which is a basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Management has omitted the management's discussion and analysis that the cash basis of accounting requires to be presented to supplement the basic financial statements. Such missing information, although not a part of the basic financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting and for placing the basic financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context.

Management has elected to omit substantially all of the disclosures required by the cash basis of accounting. If the omitted disclosures were included in the financial statements, they might influence the user's conclusions about the Department's financial position and results of operations. Accordingly, the financial statements are not designed for those who are not informed about such matters.

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December 16, 2024

**CITY OF HUGHES WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET POSITION- CASH BASIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**ASSETS**

**CURRENT ASSETS**

Cash	\$ 49,233
Certificates of Deposit	25,085
Total Current Assets	74,318

**RESTRICTED ASSETS**

Cash in Escrow	9,214
Cash - Depreciation Reserve	71,810
Certificates of deposit - debt service	44,334
Total Restricted Assets	125,358

**PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT**

Equipment	67,886
Water Tower	128,100
Water and Sewer Line Replacement	1,967,786
Utility Plant	1,474,830
Construction in Progress	884,506
Total	4,523,108
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(2,362,737)
Net Property, Plant and Equipment	2,160,371

<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 2,360,047</b>
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**CITY OF HUGHES WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, AND NET POSITION-CASH BASIS  
SEPTEMBER 30, 2024**

**LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION**

**CURRENT LIABILITIES**

Sales Tax and Withholdings Payable	\$ 162
Due to City General Fund	10,515
Due to other funds	19,452
Current Maturities of Long Term Debt	42,758
Total Current Liabilities	72,887

**PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS**

Customer Meter Deposits	13,992
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**LONG TERM LIABILITIES**

Notes payable, net of current portion	289,874
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**TOTAL LIABILITIES**

376,753

**NET POSITION**

Net investment in capital assets	1,827,739
Restricted for debt service	44,334
Unrestricted	111,221
Total Net Position	1,983,294

**TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION**

\$ 2,360,047

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CITY OF HUGHES WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT  
STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS– CASH BASIS  
FOR THE YEAR ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2024

**OPERATING REVENUES:**

Water fees	\$ 96,853
Sewer fees	86,331
Other revenues	15,586
	<u>198,770</u>

**OPERATING EXPENSES:**

Salaries and Labor	15,828
Depreciation	73,299
Utilities and Telephone	26,387
Operating Maintenance and Supplies	11,983
Advertising & Legal	200
Insurance	4,292
Maintenance and Repairs	31,652
Miscellaneous	1,195
Permits, Licenses and Dues	5,275
Postage	2,430
Fuel and Vehicle	9,534
Professional Services	42,027
Sales Tax	9,626
Lab Tests	4,456
	<u>238,184</u>
Operating Income (Loss)	<u>(39,414)</u>

**Non-operating revenues (expenses)**

Transfers to City	787
Grant Income	884,506
Interest expense	(11,605)
Interest income	2,220
Net Non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>875,908</u>

**EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE**

<b>OVER EXPENSE</b>	<b>\$ 836,494</b>
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