

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

Greer, South Carolina

COMPREHENSIVE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

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GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

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To the customers of Greer Commission of Public Works, Greer, South Carolina:

INTRODUCTION

The Comprehensive Annual Financial Report ("CAFR") of Greer Commission of Public Works (the "Commission") for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 is hereby submitted. This report was prepared by the Commission's financial staff, and conforms to the guidelines of the Governmental Finance Officers Association ("GFOA") and Generally Accepted Accounting Principles ("GAAP") as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB"). The Commission is in compliance with GASB Statement No. 34, entitled "Basic Financial Statements – For State and Local Governments" (hereafter referred to as GASB Statement No. 34), as amended by GASB Statement No. 37, entitled "Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments: Omnibus - An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 21 and No. 34", GASB Statement No. 41, entitled "Budgetary Comparison Schedules - Perspective Differences -- An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 34", GASB Statement No. 46, entitled "Net Assets Restricted by Enabling Legislation - An Amendment of GASB Statement No. 34", and GASB Statement No. 61, entitled "The Financial Reporting Entity - Omnibus -- An Amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and No. 34". Responsibility for both accuracy of the data and the completeness and fairness of the presentation rests with the Commission. To provide a reasonable basis for making these representations, management of the Commission has established a comprehensive internal control framework that is designed both to protect the Commission's assets from loss, theft, or misuse and to compile sufficient reliable information for the preparation of the Commission's financial statements in conformity with GAAP. Because the costs of internal controls should not outweigh their benefits, the Commission's comprehensive framework of internal controls has been designed to provide reasonable, rather than absolute, assurance that the financial statements will be free from material misstatement. To the best of our knowledge and belief, the enclosed data is accurate in all material respects and is reported in a manner designed to present fairly the financial position and results of operations of the Commission. All disclosures necessary to enable the reader to gain an understanding of the Commission's financial activities have been included.

The CAFR is presented in four sections: introductory, financial, statistical, and compliance. The introductory section includes this transmittal letter, a list of Commissioners and operating officers, and the Commission's organizational chart. The financial section includes the Management's Discussion and Analysis, the report of independent auditor, the basic financial statements, the notes to the financial statements, and supplementary schedules. The statistical section includes selected unaudited financial and demographic information generally presented on a multi-year basis. The compliance section includes the report on audits performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*.

The Commission's financial statements have been audited by Cherry Bekaert LLP, a firm of licensed certified public accountants. The goal of the independent audit was to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Commission are free of material misstatement. As part of their audit, the independent auditor examined, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements; assessed the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluated the overall financial statement presentation. GAAP requires that management provide a narrative introduction, overview, and analysis to accompany the basic financial statements in the form of Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"). This letter of transmittal is designed to complement the MD&A and should be read in conjunction with it. The Commission's MD&A can be found immediately following the report of the independent auditor.

PROFILE OF THE COMMISSION

The Commission was formed in 1913 for the purposes of providing electricity, water distribution, and sewer collection and treatment to the residents of the City of Greer. In 1950, the City of Greer's ("City") City Council enacted an ordinance to combine the previously separate systems of the Commission. In 1957, the City Council enacted an ordinance which founded a natural gas unit to be added to what is now the present-day "System".

Designation of management, contractual and budgetary authority, funding of deficits, responsibility for debt, setting of rates, and fiscal management of the affairs of the Commission are the exclusive responsibility of the Commission. The Commission makes recommendations to the City Council for the issuance of bonds, but is otherwise authorized under the laws of the state of South Carolina to have full control and management of the System. The laws of the state of South Carolina provide for three Commissioners to be elected by the public for six-year, staggered terms.

Waterworks Unit

The Waterworks Unit was established in 1914. The Commission owns and manages two raw water reservoirs, Lake Cunningham and Lake Robinson. Lake Cunningham is the Commission's primary water supply and was constructed on the South Tyger River in 1957. It is approximately 280 surface acres in size. Lake Robinson was constructed in 1984 and includes approximately 800 surface acres. Lake Robinson is the secondary water supply, and is located just north of Lake Cunningham.

The water treatment plant is located at Lake Cunningham and has a treatment capacity of 24 million gallons per day ("MGD") with an average peak flow of 8.80 MGD. The water distribution system operates on three gradient levels, a high level system (1,272 ft. mean sea level ("MSL")), intermediate level system (1,130 ft. MSL), and a low level system (1,104 ft. MSL). Each level has two elevated storage tanks for a total capacity of 5.75 million gallons. The Commission supplies potable water to 18,238 customers and serves all of the population within the City limits and surrounding areas. Over the last year, the Commission experienced a customer growth rate of 1.6% in the Waterworks Unit.

Sewer Unit

The Sewer Unit of the Commission was established in 1914 and provides wastewater collection, treatment and disposal by means of its sole wastewater treatment facility. The Maple Creek treatment facility experiences an average daily processing flow of 2.14 MGD, with a current capacity of 5.0 MGD. The plant received its latest upgrade in 2009 and is designed for future upgrades to 7.5 MGD and 10.0 MGD to provide for additional capacity growth. The upgrade included significant improvements to the headworks, influent pumping, sludge handling facilities, and provides for ultra-violet treatment of the wastewater at the Maple Creek plant. The upgrade also provided an energy generation plant that will not only provide the energy needed for this wastewater treatment facility, but will provide additional energy that can be added to the electrical system, and may generate significant load-side generation credits from our energy provider. Sewer collection and treatment for the Commission's 12,258 customers is accomplished through approximately 244 miles of collector mains and outfall lines maintained by the Commission. Over the last year, the Commission experienced a customer growth rate of 2.0% in the Sewer unit. The Commission also provides sewer collection services to the customers of Renewable Water Resources ("ReWa") that live in the City of Greer, and transports this sewer to ReWa's treatment facilities.

Electric Unit

The Electric Unit was established in 1914 and provides for the generation and distribution of electricity to City residents. In 1927, the Commission ceased generating electricity and from that time initiated the purchase of power from outside electric utilities to provide its supply of electricity. Up until 1985, the Commission purchased most of its electric power from Duke Energy Company. During 1985, the Commission began purchasing its primary supply of electrical power from the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency ("PMPA"), a joint public agency consisting of ten municipal participants, of which the Commission is a charter member. Over 90% of the purchased power is carbon free, generated by nuclear and hydro resources.

The Electric Unit consists of five substations operating 30 circuits. Distribution of 12,470 volts of electricity is managed with approximately 204 miles of overhead distribution facilities and approximately 204 miles of underground facilities. The service area served by this unit is approximately 33.18 square miles, including the

City limits and surrounding areas, and serves 16,923 customers. Over the last year, the Commission experienced a customer growth rate of 2.0% in the Electric Unit.

Natural Gas Unit

The Natural Gas Unit was established during 1957 and provides for distribution of natural gas to residents of the City and surrounding areas. The transmission originates on the Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation (“Transco”) mainline in Crescent, South Carolina, from which point gas is transported to the City by means of an eight-inch high-pressure transmission line which is owned and maintained by the Commission. The Commission operates and maintains approximately 42 miles of high-pressure lines and approximately 729 miles of intermediate and distribution lines, along with 131 pressure-reducing and regulating stations. These distribution lines serve 20,627 customers located from the City of Landrum, north of the City of Greer on Highway 14, to south of the City of Greer along Highway 101 towards the City of Woodruff, encompassing approximately 460 square miles. Over the last year, the Commission experienced a customer growth rate of 2.4% in the Gas unit.

The Commission operates one of the few compressed natural gas (“CNG”) fueling stations in the area made available to the public. Since its opening in April 2013, the Commission has seen a strong growth in CNG sales along with interest among fleet operators and other fueling providers.

FOCUSING ON THE FUTURE

Last year, the Commission, the Greer community, and our entire Upstate region continued on a path of growth and change. Focusing on the future, the Commission undertook a comprehensive strategic planning effort. The effort led to a refined vision, mission, and path forward to sustainable community growth. Industrial, commercial, and residential sectors grew at a strong pace, and once again utility staff produced high-quality, reliable, industry leading services for all stakeholders. The Commission committed itself to continued community support and outreach—improving communications with customers and working with great community agencies to help those who need it most.

RESPONSIBLY PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE

Beginning in January, the Commission’s management team and key staff began a comprehensive planning process. The plan takes a three to five year look into the future and defines strategic measures going forward. Specific measures are defined by the core strategies and were assigned to appropriate staff to execute. The heart of the plan and its guiding principles are the newly defined vision, mission, and values.

Vision and Mission

At the onset of the planning process, the group defined the Commission’s vision, which embodies what the Commission has worked to accomplish for over a century. Our vision is to be ***the leading provider of energy, water, and other related-services in the Southeast.*** Our mission “***to exceed customer expectations***” defines the preeminent focus of the entire Commission team in everything we do—from day-to-day activities to our long-range, high level strategies.

Values

From our vision and mission, our team defined our core values. Our values are the driving factor behind our corporate culture, and they are how we want our customers, our peers, and our stakeholders to view us.

- *Safety*
- *Respect and Equality*
- *Accountability and Integrity*
- *Openness and Honesty*
- *Unity, Customer Satisfaction, and Community Involvement*
- *Loyalty and Commitment*

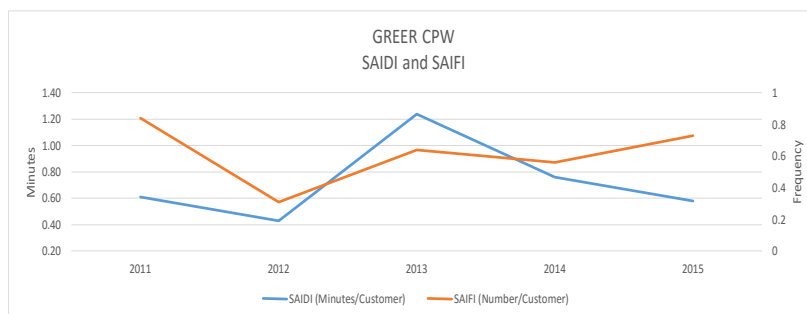
Core Strategies

The nuts and bolts of our plan are defined by five core strategies. From these strategies come specific goals, all aligning to the ultimate mission of exceeding customer expectations. *Our core strategies center around safety, customer service, operational excellence, organizational culture, and growth.*

Our steadfast commitment to customer and community will drive us toward our vision *to be the leading energy and water provider in the Southeast.*

LEADING THE INDUSTRY, SERVING CUSTOMERS

The Commission leads the industry in several vital indicators. The utility boasts competitive rates, helping with growth and development in the community and delivering a high value to all customers. Moreover, the Commission's reliability is among the very best nationally. The average Commission customer experiences power loss of less than one minute annually.



The Commission has a strong commitment to environmental stewardship. The utility is a member of the Piedmont Municipal Power Agency, which owns a 25% stake in Unit 2 of the Catawba Nuclear Generating Station, operated by Duke Energy, in York, SC. In addition to clean burning nuclear power, hydro-electric power is purchased from Southeast Power Administration. Overall, roughly 94% of the Commission's power is carbon free.

To complement our clean power, the Commission's CNG fueling station celebrated two-years of service and realized a 65% increase in business. The Commission also added to its fleet of nineteen (19) alternative-fueled CNG vehicles.

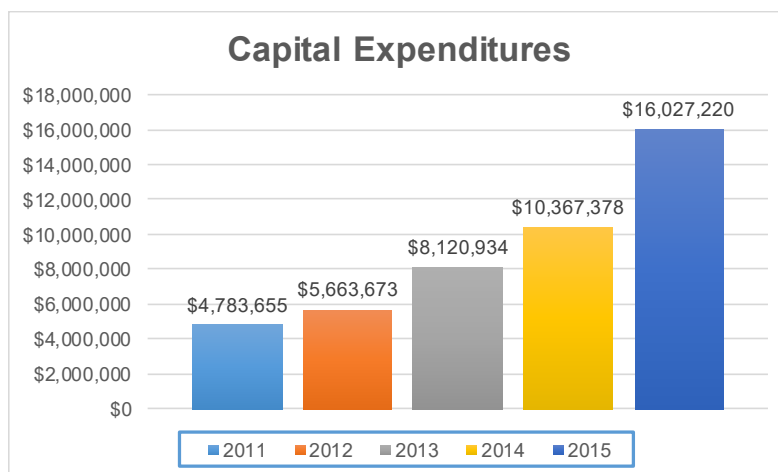
The Commission also worked closely with Spire, a division of the Laclede Group, Inc., to open one of the premier CNG fueling stations in the United States just off Interstate 85 and Highway 101, boasting high-capacity fueling of up to 20 gallons per minute catering to heavy-duty Class 7 and 8 trucks.

Environmental commitment is also evident in the high quality water and effluent produced from our 24 MGD Water Treatment Plant and our 5 MGD Maple Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant. Over the last year, the Commission captured its ninth South Carolina Area-Wide Water Optimization Award and the National Association of Clean Water Agencies Peak Performance Award.

Capital Investment

The Commission invested over \$16 million in infrastructure and facilities. In 2015, the Commission began several large sewer line projects to meet current and future growth. In addition, the Commission began work on a new dewatering system at its Maple Creek Wastewater Treatment Plant.

Electric infrastructure also improved. In October, the new East Greer Substation became operational. The Substation improves power delivery and reliability in the southeastern portion of the City to meet projected growth.



The utility commenced a pressure uprate project on its southern natural gas transmission pipeline. The pressure uprate project will enable additional capacity utilizing existing pipeline infrastructure.

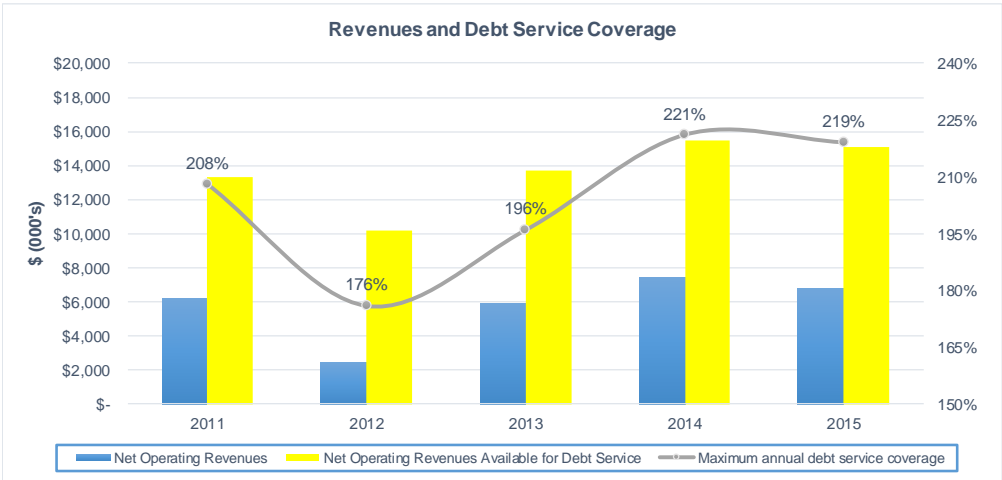
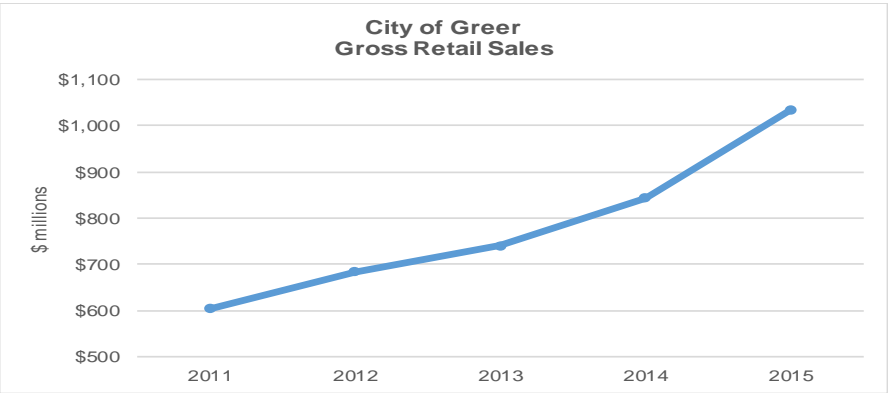
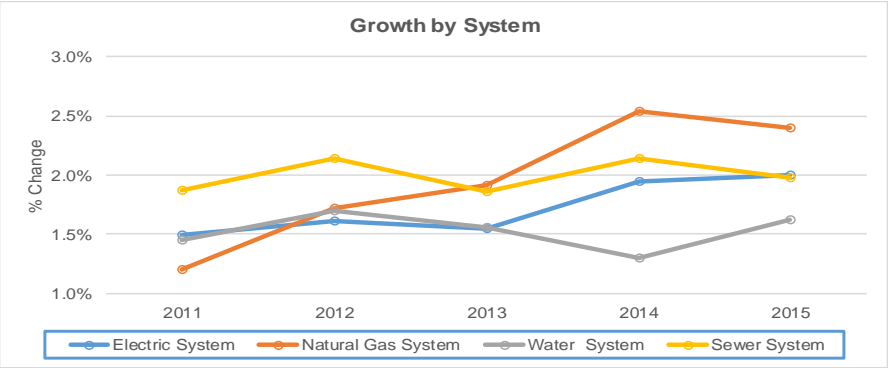
**Growth in the Community,
Growth in our Business**

The Greer community saw continued economic growth in its commercial and industrial sectors. The region enjoys employers with solid financial footing, including advanced materials manufacturing, distribution & logistics, automotive Original Equipment Manufacturers (“OEMs”), and automotive manufacturing. BMW North America, one of Commission’s largest customers, produced over 405,000 vehicles and continued as the largest exporter of automobiles in the nation.

**Financial Stewardship,
Financial Strength**

The Commission operates under established policies for financing, rate setting, and cash management. These policies serve as parameters for developing annual operating budgets, as well as the 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. The revenue bond ordinance provides that the rates shall be maintained at levels which yield net revenues equal to a minimum of 120% of the annual principal and interest requirement in each fiscal year. The management of the Commission strives to maintain an internal target equal to a minimum of 200% of the annual requirement.

The Commission realized continued strong financial performance this year. Net revenue exceeded projections, and our Departments worked to reduce expenditures and improve efficiencies. Rating agencies have taken note of the utility’s performance; Moody’s upgraded the Commission to an A1 rating, while Fitch upgraded the Commission’s A1 rating from “neutral outlook” to “positive outlook.”



Awards

The GFOA awarded a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting to the Commission for its CAFR for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2014. In order to be awarded a Certificate of Achievement, a government must publish an easily readable and efficiently organized CAFR. This report must satisfy both GAAP and applicable legal requirements, and is valid for a period of one year only.

Employee dedication is also evident by the many awards and recognitions that all aspects of the Commission's operations have received.

- South Carolina Area-wide Water Optimization Award ("AWOP")
- National Association of Clean Water Agencies Peak Performance Award (Wastewater Treatment)
- American Public Gas Association System Operations Achievement Bronze Award ("SOAR")
- American Public Power Association Reliable Public Power Provider Platinum Level ("RP₃")

Several Commission employees sit on trade boards at the state, regional, and national level, helping guide policymaking and improve the utility industry.

COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY

Investing Local, Giving Back

The Commission and its employees worked in and with our community partners to improve the lives of our neighbors. The Commission participated as a major corporate partner in the Greer Family Fest, spending the weekend sharing information with festival goers as the Main Stage Sponsor. BMW's Earth Day Festival was also a big hit, with dozens of vendors participating. The Commission was there to educate our customers about our commitment to the environment and sustainability.

The Commission's customers got into the holiday spirit this year, too. Over a dozen customers participated in our holiday lights contest, with the winner receiving an award from the Commission.

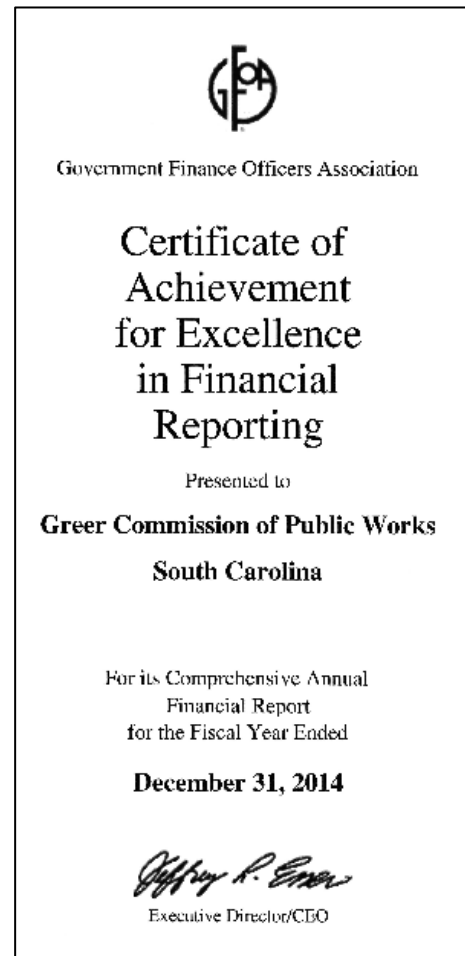
The Commission and its employees contributed to the community with funding, too. Our record-breaking United Way campaign—led directly by employees—raised over \$29,000 this year. Employees contributed through pay roll deductions and a variety of fundraisers.

Greer Relief was another great community partner for the Commission. Corporate gifts exceeded \$20,000 for the organization. These contributions help neighbors directly by providing necessary funds to pay utility bills.

Communication and Outreach

Outreach efforts were ramped up this year. The Commission hired its first Public Information Officer in an effort to improve community and media relations and keep the public informed. The Commission's media exposure was improved, with over a dozen news stories directly placed into local TV and print outlets.

Digital presence also improved as the Commission's Facebook followers doubled, and the medium serves as a great interactive space to reach customers. In addition, a new, easily navigable website was launched. These web presences demonstrate the Commission's commitment to transparency and relationship building with customers.



LOOKING AHEAD

2015 was a strong year for the Commission. The Board and staff demonstrated a strong commitment to superior services and financial stewardship. Going forward, the Commission's team is dedicated to strengthening its financial position and its position in the community. Through effective planning and focus on superior service, the Commission will continue to serve as a catalyst for growth and remain a strong member of the Greer and surrounding community.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

This CAFR was prepared thanks to the dedicated hard work of our Board and staff. We are thankful for the leadership and vision of the Board of Commissioners, and we are blessed with a talented staff that continues steward the resources of our customers and community. The hard work of these dedicated individuals makes the commission the progressive, strong organization it is today.

Sincerely,

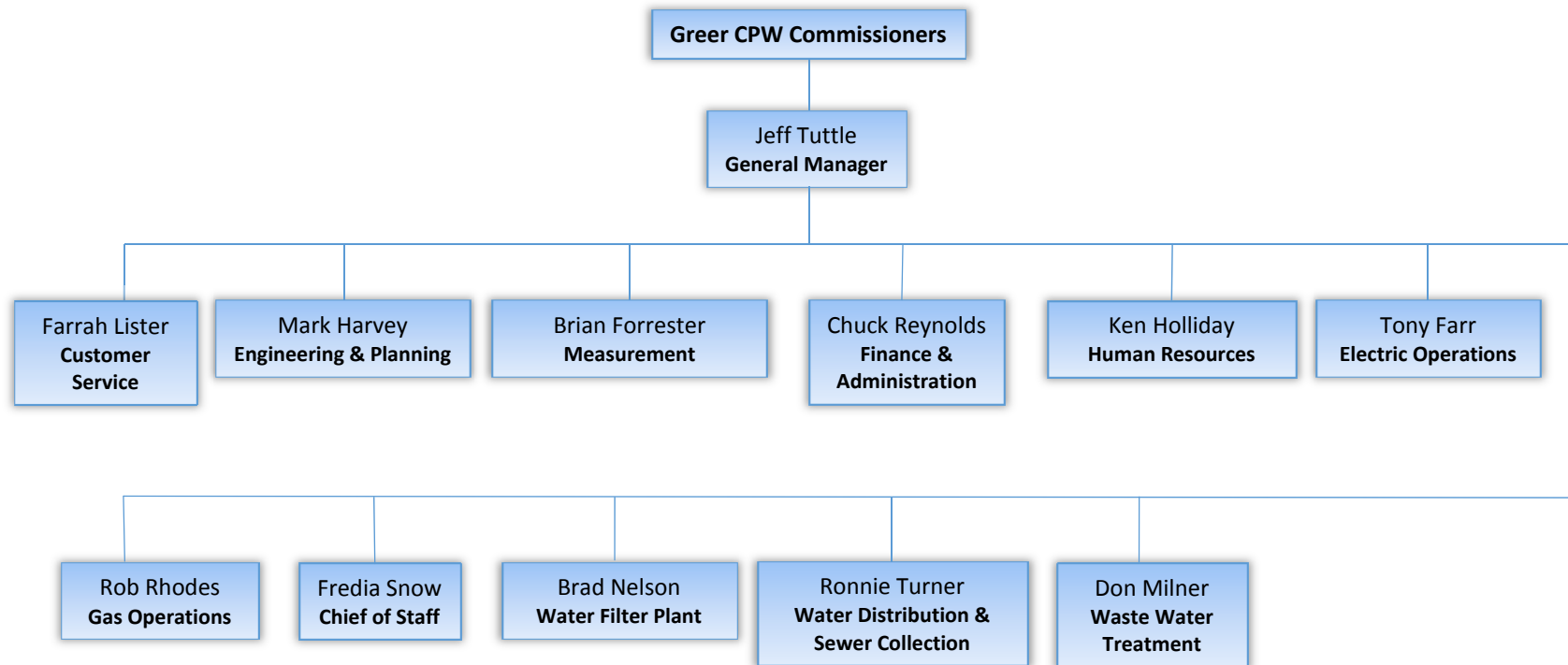


Jeffrey M. Tuttle
General Manager



Charles E. Reynolds
Finance Manager

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

LIST OF PRINCIPAL OFFICIALS AND LEADERSHIP TEAM

DECEMBER 31, 2015



From left to right: Gene Gibson (Commissioner), Jeffrey Tuttle (General Manager), Jeffery Howell (Commissioner), and Perry Williams (Commissioner – Chairman)

Leadership Team

Chuck Reynolds
Manager - Finance and Administration

Tony Farr
Electric Operations Manager

Ken Holliday
Human Resources Manager

Robert Rhodes
Gas Operations Manager

Fredia Snow
Chief of Staff

Ronnie Turner
Water Distribution and Sewer
Collection Manager

Farrah Lister
Customer Service Manager

Don Milner
Maple Creek Waste Water
Treatment Manager

Brian Forrester
Measurement Manager

Brad Nelson
Water Filter Plant Manager

Mark Harvey
Engineering and Planning Manager

Report of Independent Auditor

To the Board of Commissioners
of Greer Commission of Public Works

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying statements of net position of Greer Commission of Public Works (the "Commission") as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position, cash flows, and notes to the financial statements for the years then ended, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic 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 audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from 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 Commission'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 Commission'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 respective financial position of the Commission, as of December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the respective changes in financial position, and, where applicable, cash flows thereof for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis of Matter

As discussed in Note 1 to the basic financial statements, the Commission implemented the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions—an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 27*, and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date—an Amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*, during the year ended December 31, 2015. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

OTHER MATTERS

Required Supplementary Information

Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the management's discussion and analysis on pages 13 through 24 and the required supplementary information schedules on pages 52 through 55 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

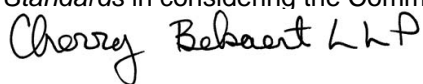
Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements that collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements. The introductory section, schedule of actual and budgeted revenues and expenses, schedule of departmental operating revenues and expenses, and statistical section are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The schedule of actual and budgeted revenues and expenses and schedule of departmental operating revenues and expenses are the responsibility of management and were derived from and relate 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 schedule of actual and budgeted revenues and expenses and schedule of departmental operating revenues and expenses are fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the basic financial statements as a whole.

The introductory and statistical sections have not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on them.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated April 11, 2016 on our consideration of the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The Purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide and opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



Greenville, South Carolina
April 11, 2016

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

This section of the Greer Commission of Public Works' (the "Commission") annual financial statements presents our analysis of the Commission's financial performance during the fiscal year that ended on December 31, 2015 and 2014. Please read it in conjunction with the financial statements, which follow this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

The Commission continued to show a solid financial position for fiscal year 2015. The Commission is well within its debt covenants and the more stringent financial policies and guidelines set by the Board and management. The following are financial highlights for 2015:

- The Commission's net position increased by \$7,312,639, or 5.38%, for 2015 as compared to a decrease of \$6,216,507, or 4.37%, in 2014.
- During the year, the Commission's operating revenues decreased to \$82,435,799, which represents a 1.61% decrease from the prior year. Operating revenues increased to \$83,785,320, or 12.24%, in 2014.
- Total operating expenses decreased to \$75,624,112, which represents a 0.94% decrease from the prior year. Total expenses increased to \$76,340,109, or 11.07%, in 2014.
- Purchased power expenses increased to \$34,595,007, up from \$32,895,371 last year. This 5.17% increase is reflected in the total operating expenses shown above. Purchased power increased from \$30,329,243, or by 8.46%, to \$32,895,371 in 2014.
- Purchased gas expenses decreased to \$15,855,854, decreased from \$18,743,205 last year. This 15.40% decrease is reflected in the total expenses shown above. Purchased gas increased from \$15,140,312, or by 23.80%, to \$18,743,205 in 2014.
- Capital contributions to the Commission increased by \$1,442,232, which represents a 54.85% increase from the prior year. Capital contributions increased by \$1,590,905, or 153.20%, in 2014.
- Transfers to the City of Greer remained at \$1,000,000 for 2015 and 2014.
- Debt service coverage for 2015 was 219% of the bond ordinance requirement, which is 120% debt service coverage, a decrease from 2014 of 0.90%. Debt service coverage for 2014 was 221%.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Commission's annual statement consists of the Management's Discussion and Analysis ("MD&A"), the basic financial statements, other supplementary information, and the compliance section. The MD&A serves as an introduction to, and should be read in conjunction with the basic audited financial statements. The basic financial statements include notes which explain in detail information included in the basic financial statements.

The basic financial statements of the Commission report information about the Commission using accounting methods similar to those used by private sector companies. These statements offer short-term and long-term financial information about its activities. The basic financial statements include the Statements of Net Position, Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position, Statements of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

The Statement of Net Position includes all of the Commission's assets and liabilities and provides information about the nature and amounts of investments in resources (assets) and the obligations to the Commission's creditors (liabilities). It also provides the basis for computing rate of return, evaluating the capital structure of the Commission, and assessing the liquidity and financial flexibility of the Commission.

All of the current year's revenues and expenses are accounted for in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position. This statement measures the success of the Commission's operations over the past year and can be used to determine whether the Commission has successfully recovered all its costs through its user fees and other charges, profitability, and credit worthiness.

The final required financial statement is the Statement of Cash Flows. The primary purpose of this statement is to provide information about the Commission's cash receipts and cash payments during the reporting period. The statement reports cash receipts, cash payments, and net changes in cash resulting from operations, investing, and financing activities, and provides answers to such questions as where did cash come from, what was cash used for and what was the change in cash balance during the reporting period.

The basic financial statements were prepared by the Commission's staff from the detailed books and records of the Commission. The basic financial statements were audited and adjusted, if material, during the independent external audit process.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE COMMISSION

Our analysis of the Commission begins in the financial statement section. As a review is made of the Commission's finances, one should consider "Is the Commission as a whole better off or worse off as a result of the year's activities?" The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information about the Commission's activities in a way that will help answer this question. These two statements report the net position of the Commission and changes in them. One can think of the Commission's net position, the difference between assets plus deferred outflows of resources and liabilities, as one way to measure financial health or financial position. Over time, increases or decreases in the Commission's net position is one indicator of whether its financial health is improving or deteriorating. However, one will need to consider other non-financial factors such as changes in economic conditions, population growth, annexation, and new or changed government legislation.

NET POSITION

A summary of the Commission's Statements of Net Position is presented in Table A-1. Net position increased \$7,312,639 to \$143,229,044 in fiscal year 2015, up from \$135,916,405 in fiscal year 2014. While the Statements of Net Position show the change in financial position of net position, the Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position provide answers as to the nature and source of these changes. As can be seen in Table A-2, the gain before capital contributions of \$3,241,057 during 2015 and the gain before capital contributions of \$3,596,479 during 2014 were the two sources of the changes in net position.

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TABLE A-1
Statement of Net Position

	FY 2014 (Restated)	Total Dollar Change	Total Percent Change	FY 2015
Current and other assets	\$ 47,942,475	\$ (4,428,841)	-9.24%	\$ 43,513,634
Capital assets	194,119,491	7,589,672	3.91%	201,709,163
Total assets	<u>\$ 242,061,966</u>	<u>\$ 3,160,831</u>	<u>1.31%</u>	<u>\$ 245,222,797</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 1,131,872</u>	<u>\$ 54,056</u>	<u>4.78%</u>	<u>\$ 1,185,928</u>
Long-term debt outstanding	\$ 79,733,804	\$ (3,536,914)	-4.44%	\$ 76,196,890
Other liabilities	26,479,449	117,058	0.44%	26,596,507
Total liabilities	<u>106,213,253</u>	<u>(3,419,856)</u>	<u>-3.22%</u>	<u>102,793,397</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	\$ 1,064,180	(677,896)	-63.70%	\$ 386,284
Net investment in				
capital assets	114,376,942	10,980,377	9.60%	125,357,319
Restricted	10,279,696	135,754	1.32%	10,415,450
Unrestricted	11,259,767	(3,803,492)	-33.78%	7,456,275
Total net position	<u>\$ 135,916,405</u>	<u>\$ 7,312,639</u>	<u>5.38%</u>	<u>\$ 143,229,044</u>

	FY 2013	Total Dollar Change	Total Percent Change	FY 2014 (Restated)
Current and other assets	\$ 46,010,273	\$ 1,932,202	4.20%	\$ 47,942,475
Capital assets	191,956,720	2,162,771	1.13%	194,119,491
Total assets	<u>\$ 237,966,993</u>	<u>\$ 4,094,973</u>	<u>1.72%</u>	<u>\$ 242,061,966</u>
Deferred outflows of resources	<u>\$ 443,633</u>	<u>\$ 688,239</u>	<u>155.14%</u>	<u>\$ 1,131,872</u>
Long-term debt outstanding	\$ 83,277,007	\$ (3,543,203)	-4.25%	\$ 79,733,804
Other liabilities	13,000,707	13,478,742	103.68%	26,479,449
Total liabilities	<u>96,277,714</u>	<u>9,935,539</u>	<u>10.32%</u>	<u>106,213,253</u>
Deferred inflows of resources	\$ -	1,064,180	100.00%	\$ 1,064,180
Net investment in				
capital assets	108,778,273	5,598,669	5.15%	114,376,942
Restricted	8,449,761	1,829,935	21.66%	10,279,696
Unrestricted	24,904,878	(13,645,111)	-54.79%	11,259,767
Total net position	<u>\$ 142,132,912</u>	<u>\$ (6,216,507)</u>	<u>-4.37%</u>	<u>\$ 135,916,405</u>

Change in Net Position Before Capital Contributions and City Transfer

A closer examination of the individual categories affecting the source of changes in net position reveals that the Commission's total revenues decreased by \$1,349,941 to \$82,465,290 in fiscal year 2015 from \$83,815,231 in fiscal year 2014 due to the net effects of increases to the electric, water, and sewer revenues, and decreases to gas revenues. The increase in the electric, water and sewer revenues of 5.75%, 9.23%, and 3.66%, respectively, and the decrease in gas revenues of 14.36%, can be attributed to several factors including

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weather, rate increases, and commodity prices. During fiscal year 2015, temperature patterns experienced in the Upstate region of South Carolina incurred 1,946 cooling degree days ("CDD"), an increase from 2014 of 14.94%, and 2,611 heating degree days ("HDD"), a decrease from 2014 of 18.53%. The increase in CDD during 2015 was a direct factor in increasing consumption amounts of electricity from our customers, while the abnormal HDD impacted our consumption of gas from our customers. The Upstate region also incurred an increase in the amount of precipitation it received in the amount of 59.75 inches, an increase from 2014 of 19.02%. Most of the precipitation that fell across the Upstate region came in the 4th quarter of the year, while during the summer months, the Upstate region experienced drought-like conditions, which increased the consumption by our customers during the normal peak season. The price of the natural gas commodity decreased by 22.59% per Dekatherm ("dT") to an average cost of \$3.29 per dT, down from a 2014 average of \$4.25 per dT.

A closer examination of the individual categories affecting the source of changes in net position reveals that the Commission's total revenues increased by \$9,113,786 to \$83,815,231 in fiscal year 2014 from \$74,701,445 in fiscal year 2013 due to the effect of increases to electric, gas, and water revenues. The increase in the electric and gas revenues of 10.71% and 15.29%, respectively, can be attributed to several factors, including the weather, increased consumption, and price of the natural gas commodity. During the summer of 2014, the Upstate region of South Carolina experienced much milder temperatures than during 2013 and much colder temperatures during the winter months with the polar vortexes that affected our area. These weather variances contributed to an increase in electric consumption of 3.64% and gas consumption of 8.07%. The price of the natural gas commodity increased by 10.66% per Dekatherm ("dT") to an average cost of \$4.25 per dT, up from a 2013 average of \$3.84 per dT. During 2014, the Upstate region of South Carolina also experienced the fourth highest rainfall totals in the last fifteen years. The total rainfall recorded in Greer was 50.20 inches, a decrease of 19.36 inches from 2013, or 27.83%, with the record set in 1901 with 77.84 inches. This rainfall led to an increase in water and sewer revenues of 18.41% and 4.90%, respectively, and consumption increases of 8.95% and 4.18%, respectively.

Other operating revenues increased by \$8,204 during 2015. Other operating revenues increased by \$46,278 during 2014. The increase is attributable to several factors, including an increase in the collection of reconnect fees, sales of gas taps, sales of sewer tap fees, sales of inventoried materials, and recovery of bad debts.

During 2015, non-operating revenues decreased by \$420. This decrease can be attributed to the decreased earnings on investments. Earnings on investments decreased 1.40%. During 2014, non-operating revenues decreased by \$21,327. This decrease can be attributed to the decreased earnings on investments. Earnings on investments decreased 41.62%.

During 2015, expenses decreased by \$994,519 to \$79,224,233, from \$80,218,752 in fiscal year 2014, due to the net effect of an increase in expenses related to purchased power, depreciation and amortization, and other operating expenses, and the decrease in expenses related to purchase gas, and non-operating expenses. Purchased power costs from PMPA increased by \$1,699,636, or 5.17%. The Commission was able to minimize this increase in costs by taking advantage of power allocations provided by the United States Department of Energy's Southeastern Power Agency's ("SEPA") allocation which provides pooled hydroelectric power at reduced costs. The Commission's allocation of power supply during 2015 included 4.14% of hydroelectric power. The Commission also received \$269,209 in net Load Side Generation credits from PMPA which further reduced the costs associated with the purchased power. Purchased gas costs decreased by \$2,887,351, or 15.40%, as a result of lower commodity prices and the Commission's hedging program. The average costs of the natural gas commodity, per dT, to the Commission was \$3.29 and \$4.25, respectively for 2015 and 2014, a decrease of 22.59%. Other operating expenses increased by \$216,648, with the increases attributable to increases in salaries and benefits, water and wastewater treatment chemicals, and the operations and maintenance of equipment.

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During 2014, expenses increased by \$7,444,797 to \$80,218,752, increased from \$72,773,955 in fiscal year 2013, due to the net effect of an increase in expenses related to purchased power, purchased gas, depreciation and amortization, and other operating expenses, and the decrease in expenses related to non-operating expenses. Purchased power costs increased by \$2,566,128, or 8.46%. The Commission was able to minimize this increase in costs by taking advantage of power allocations provided by the United States Department of Energy's Southeastern Power Agency's ("SEPA") allocation which provides pooled hydroelectric power at reduced costs. The Commission's allocation of power supply included 5.20% of hydroelectric power. The Commission also received \$244,751 in net Load Side Generation credits from Piedmont Municipal Power Agency ("PMPA") which further reduced the costs associated with the purchased power. Purchased gas costs increased by \$3,602,893, or 23.80%, as a result of increased customer consumption from 2013 of 8.07%, and an increase in the average costs of the natural gas commodity. The average cost of the natural gas commodity to the Commission was \$4.25 and \$3.84, respectively, for 2014 and 2013, an increase of 10.66%. Other operating expenses increased by \$1,221,763, with the increases attributable to increases in salaries and benefits, pension costs, water and wastewater treatment chemicals, and the operations and maintenance of equipment.

Non-operating expenses decreased by \$278,522, or 7.18%, to \$3,600,121 during 2015. Debt service decreased by \$270,091, or 9.50%, to \$2,574,464 due to the annual retirement of long-term debt. During 2015, the losses realized on the disposal of assets declined by \$8,431, or 24.73%.

Non-operating expenses decreased by \$165,583, or 4.09%, to \$3,878,643 during 2014. Debt service decreased by \$60,012, or 2.07%, to \$2,844,555 due to the annual retirement of long-term debt. During 2014, the losses realized on the disposal of assets declined by \$105,573, or 75.59%.

As a result of these factors, the Commission experienced net revenues over expenses of \$3,241,057 and \$3,596,479, respectively, in 2015 and 2014, before capital contributions.

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TABLE A-2
Condensed Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position

	FY 2014 (Restated)	Total Dollar Change	Total Percent Change	FY 2015
Electric revenues	\$ 38,539,424	\$ 2,217,053	5.75%	\$ 40,756,477
Gas revenues	30,593,979	(4,393,501)	-14.36%	26,200,478
Water revenues	6,861,489	633,391	9.23%	7,494,880
Sewer revenues	5,060,941	185,332	3.66%	5,246,273
Operating revenues	2,729,487	8,204	0.30%	2,737,691
Non-operating revenues	29,911	(420)	-1.40%	29,491
Total revenues	83,815,231	(1,349,941)	-1.61%	82,465,290
Purchased power	32,895,371	1,699,636	5.17%	34,595,007
Purchased gas	18,743,205	(2,887,351)	-15.40%	15,855,854
Depreciation and amortization expense	8,029,271	259,726	3.23%	8,288,997
Other operating expense	16,672,262	211,992	1.27%	16,884,254
Non-operating expense	3,878,643	(278,522)	-7.18%	3,600,121
Total expense	80,218,752	(994,519)	-1.24%	79,224,233
Change in net position before Capital contributions	3,596,479	(355,422)	-9.88%	3,241,057
Capital contributions	2,629,350	1,442,232	54.85%	4,071,582
Change in net position	6,225,829	1,086,810	17.46%	7,312,639
Beginning net position	142,132,912	(6,216,507)	-4.37%	135,916,405
Change in accounting principle	(12,442,336)	12,442,336	-100.00%	-
Beginning net position, restated	129,690,576	6,225,829	4.80%	135,916,405
Ending net position	\$ 135,916,405	7,312,639	5.38%	\$ 143,229,044

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	FY 2013	Total Dollar Change	Total Percent Change	FY 2014 (Restated)
Electric revenues	\$ 34,811,682	\$ 3,727,742	10.71%	\$ 38,539,424
Gas revenues	26,536,363	4,057,616	15.29%	30,593,979
Water revenues	5,794,589	1,066,900	18.41%	6,861,489
Sewer revenues	4,824,364	236,577	4.90%	5,060,941
Operating revenues	2,683,209	46,278	1.72%	2,729,487
Non-operating revenues	51,238	(21,327)	-41.62%	29,911
Total revenues	74,701,445	9,113,786	12.20%	83,815,231
Purchased power	30,329,243	2,566,128	8.46%	32,895,371
Purchased gas	15,140,312	3,602,893	23.80%	18,743,205
Depreciation and amortization expense	7,809,675	219,596	2.81%	8,029,271
Other operating expense	15,450,499	1,221,763	7.91%	16,672,262
Non-operating expense	4,044,226	(165,583)	-4.09%	3,878,643
Total expense	72,773,955	7,444,797	10.23%	80,218,752
Change in net position before Capital contributions	1,927,490	1,668,989	86.59%	3,596,479
Capital contributions	1,038,445	1,590,905	153.20%	2,629,350
Change in net position	2,965,935	3,259,894	109.91%	6,225,829
Beginning net position	139,166,977	2,965,935	2.13%	142,132,912
Change in accounting principle	-	(12,442,336)	100.00%	(12,442,336)
Beginning net position, restated	139,166,977	(9,476,401)	-6.81%	129,690,576
Ending net position	\$ 142,132,912	\$ (6,216,507)	-4.37%	\$ 135,916,405

Capital Contributions

Contributions include cash contributions, non-cash contributions and grants from various sources such as developers, customer assessments, and state and federal agencies. During 2015, the Commission received \$4,071,582 in capital contributions. This was a \$1,442,232 increase from fiscal year 2014 capital contributions of \$2,629,350. Capital contributions for 2015 included the following receipts:

- \$336,208 received from various sources to offset capital costs related to lighting infrastructure
- \$2,600,883 received from various developer contributed properties that consists of water and sewer infrastructure
- \$49,653 received from Mark III Properties to offset the capital costs related to electric infrastructure for Heatherfield Subdivision
- \$302,600 received from Green Road Industrial to offset the capital costs related to electric and sewer infrastructure
- \$34,450 received from Clary Hood, Inc. to offset capital costs related to water infrastructure
- \$13,298 received from BMW Manufacturing to offset capital costs related to water infrastructure

During 2014, the Commission received \$2,629,350 in capital contributions. This was an increase of \$1,590,905 from \$1,038,445 received during fiscal year 2013.

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Change in Accounting Principle

During 2015, the Commission adopted Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 27 ("Statement No. 68")* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date - an amendment to GASB Statement No. 68 ("Statement No. 71")*. The provisions of Statement No. 68 and Statement No. 71 relevant to the Commission related to the reporting of the Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability, contributions to the South Carolina Retirement System, and funding progress for the postemployment pension costs to supplement the basic financial statements. With the change being applied retroactively, the adoption of these Statements resulted in a \$12,442,336 reduction in net position as of January 1, 2014. For additional information, please refer to Notes 1 and 8 of the accompanying Notes to the Financial Statements.

Transfers to the City

During fiscal years 2015 and 2014, the Commission made transfers to the City of Greer's General Fund in the amount of \$1,000,000.

CAPITAL ASSETS AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

The following is a summary of some of the major capital improvements completed and added to the system during fiscal year 2015.

- \$796,706 to provide improvements and upgrades to the existing Electric system
- \$814,021 to provide improvements, upgrades and extensions of the Natural Gas system
- \$103,190 to provide for relocation of natural gas mains along Memorial Drive Extension
- \$1,093,854 to provide for engineering and pressure upgrades to a section of high-pressure natural gas pipeline along Highway 101
- \$384,439 to provide natural gas distribution lines to SPIRE, a compressed natural gas provider
- \$153,310 to provide for infrastructure improvements to the Commission's water filter plant equipment
- \$169,717 to provide utility infrastructure to the Green Road Industrial park
- \$1,550,027 to provide for utility infrastructure to various new sub developments
- \$125,469 in costs associated with projects to reduce inflow and infiltration at various locations
- \$2,756,419 in costs associated with construction of a new East Greer substation located on Victor Hill Road to provide for future growth along Highway 101
- \$1,044,131 to provide for replacement of motor vehicles and heavy equipment
- \$242,838 to provide for replacement of computers and related equipment
- \$230,786 to provide for equipment necessary to provide and maintain the utilities to our customers
- \$1,192,181 to provide for upgrades to a pump station and related extension of sewer located in the Bent Creek basin
- \$608,505 to provide for new meters and upgrades to meters and associated equipment needed for obtaining the customer usages
- \$60,382 in costs associated with improvements to the Commission's Operations Center

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At the end of 2015, the Commission has invested \$322,661,224 in land and a broad range of infrastructure including electric distribution facilities; electric substations; fiber optic infrastructure and equipment; water and sewer plants; wastewater facilities; water and sewer lines; maintenance and administration facilities; vehicles and equipment; and office and computer equipment as shown in Table A-3. Please refer to Note 3 to the financial statements for additional information on the Commission's capital assets.

TABLE A-3
Capital Assets

	FY 2014	Total Dollar Change	Total Percent Change	FY 2015
Land	\$ 2,569,333	\$ 26,275	1.02%	\$ 2,595,608
Buildings	6,813,052	(6,354)	-0.09%	6,806,698
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	9,219,597	807,127	8.75%	10,026,724
Electric distribution system	47,943,457	5,076,680	10.59%	53,020,137
Water distribution system	70,612,763	1,381,027	1.96%	71,993,790
Water reservoirs and dams	12,808,116	(3,900)	-0.03%	12,804,216
Recreational facilities	701,309	13,145	1.87%	714,454
Gas distribution system	61,872,135	3,052,336	4.93%	64,924,471
Disposal plants and sanitary sewer	90,434,322	3,417,367	3.78%	93,851,689
Office equipment and software	3,117,193	377,211	12.10%	3,494,404
Fiber optic	550,200	-	0.00%	550,200
Construction in progress	1,285,706	593,127	46.13%	1,878,833
Subtotal	307,927,183	14,734,041	4.78%	322,661,224
Less accumulated depreciation	113,807,692	7,144,369	6.28%	120,952,061
Net property plant equipment	<u>\$ 194,119,491</u>	<u>\$ 7,589,672</u>	<u>3.91%</u>	<u>\$ 201,709,163</u>

	FY 2013	Total Dollar Change	Total Percent Change	FY 2014
Land	\$ 2,349,591	\$ 219,742	9.35%	\$ 2,569,333
Buildings	6,788,274	24,778	0.37%	6,813,052
Machinery, equipment and vehicles	8,322,583	897,014	10.78%	9,219,597
Electric distribution system	46,446,258	1,497,199	3.22%	47,943,457
Water distribution system	69,264,697	1,348,066	1.95%	70,612,763
Water reservoirs and dams	12,808,116	-	0.00%	12,808,116
Recreational facilities	688,689	12,620	1.83%	701,309
Gas distribution system	59,620,654	2,251,481	3.78%	61,872,135
Disposal plants and sanitary sewer	85,979,932	4,454,390	5.18%	90,434,322
Office equipment and software	3,418,534	(301,341)	-8.81%	3,117,193
Fiber optic	550,200	-	0.00%	550,200
Construction in progress	3,145,531	(1,859,825)	-59.13%	1,285,706
Subtotal	299,383,059	8,544,124	2.85%	307,927,183
Less accumulated depreciation	107,426,339	6,381,353	5.94%	113,807,692
Net property plant equipment	<u>\$ 191,956,720</u>	<u>\$ 2,162,771</u>	<u>1.13%</u>	<u>\$ 194,119,491</u>

In 2015 and 2014, the Commission's capital assets increased in the net amount of \$14,734,041 and \$8,544,124, respectively. Of this increase, \$12,927,410 and \$9,551,136, respectively, was for expansion and improvement to utility plant and the remainder for other operating assets during 2015 and 2014.

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LONG-TERM DEBT

At the end of 2015, the Commission had \$79,303,204 in aggregate long-term debt, down from \$82,657,693 at the end of fiscal year 2014, a decrease of \$3,354,489, or 4.06%. In 2014, the Commission had \$82,657,693 in aggregate long-term debt, decreased from \$86,059,528 at the end of fiscal year 2013, a decrease of \$3,401,835, or 3.95%. The changes resulted from scheduled principal payments made on the existing debt (see Note 7 in the Notes to the Financial Statements).

Bond Ratings - All outstanding Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds ("Revenue Bonds") carry an A1, A+ and A+ ratings from Moody's, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch Ratings, respectively. During 2015 and 2014, the Commission received affirmations of each of its ratings, with Fitch Ratings issuing a positive outlook to its ratings, and Moody's upgrading the Commission's ratings to A1, from A2.

Limitations on Debt - The Bond Ordinance provides that debt may be issued under the Bond Ordinance from time to time in such amounts as deemed necessary or advisable to the City, upon request of the Commission, for any purpose for which bonds may be issued for the benefit of the Commission under the Enabling Act. Prior to issuing any additional bonds, other than refunding bonds, the Commission is required to prove that the estimated future net revenues of the Commission are expected to be at least 120% of the actual highest combined debt service requirement (including debt service on the proposed additional bonds) for the current fiscal year and for the three fiscal years following the issuance of the additional bonds. The Commission currently reports a maximum debt service coverage ratio of 219%, 221%, and 196%, for the years 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively.

With this strong debt service coverage ratio, the Commission has the ability and capacity to issue additional bonds to fund future capital additions to the System. As a result of the increase in capital reserves, the Commission currently anticipates internally funding capital projects within the current long-range Capital Improvement Plan through fiscal year 2019.

In addition, the Commission has been successful in accessing other available low interest financing through the South Carolina Budget and Control Board for approved water and sewer infrastructure projects. The Commission accessed these loans with the \$9,211,590 State Revolving Fund ("SRF") loan completed in fiscal year 2004, the \$7,500,000 SRF loan completed in fiscal year 2005, the \$13,235,000 SRF Loan completed in fiscal year 2007, and the \$5,375,417 SRF completed in fiscal year 2009.

During 2014, the South Carolina Budget and Control Board modified their SRF Debt Service Reserve policies in regards to the amount of required debt service reserved required for each outstanding SRF loan. The changes allowed for borrowers that maintain a minimum bond rating of A-, are not required to place funds into a debt service reserve fund. As a result of the changes, the Commission, upon request and approval, is not required to fund the annual debt service reserve requirements with the Trustee. The Commission elected to place the amounts received from the Trustee, \$949,990, back into its originating restricted cash fund.

On September 1, 2015, the Commission issued \$4,590,000 of refunding bonds to defease the remaining the remaining outstanding bonds, net of all cost of debt, of the Series 2010 Combined Utility System Revenue bonds. The refund transaction provided the Commission with an economic gain of \$81,390. This transaction also resulted in a defeasance loss in the amount of \$44,350, of which is being amortized over the life of the original debt, which is equal to the life of the new debt issue.

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TABLE A-4
Debt Coverage Ratio

	FY 2013	FY 2014 (Restated)	Total Percent Change	FY 2015	Total Percent Change
Revenues					
Revenues from operations	\$ 74,650,207	\$ 83,785,320	12.24%	\$ 82,435,799	-1.61%
Non-operating revenue	51,238	29,911	-41.62%	29,491	-1.40%
Capacity fees	331,643	526,915	58.88%	675,435	28.19%
Total revenues	75,033,088	84,342,146	12.41%	83,140,725	-1.42%
Expenses					
Total expenses	71,773,955	79,218,752	10.37%	78,224,233	-1.26%
Depreciation and amortization expense	(7,809,675)	(8,029,271)	2.81%	(8,288,997)	3.23%
Bond interest expense	(2,904,567)	(2,844,555)	-2.07%	(2,574,464)	-9.50%
Gain/loss on sale of assets	(139,659)	(34,088)	-75.59%	(25,657)	-24.73%
Total expenses	\$ 60,920,054	\$ 68,310,838	12.13%	\$ 67,335,115	-1.43%
Income available for debt service	\$ 14,113,034	\$ 16,031,308	13.59%	\$ 15,805,610	-1.41%
Maximum annual debt service (ADS)	\$ 7,186,179	\$ 7,238,624		\$ 7,229,365	
Maximum ADS coverage	196%	221%	12.76%	219%	-0.90%

*Although Capacity fees are allocated to Contributions of Capital, they are available for debt service under the Bond Ordinance

As can be seen in Table A-5, the Commission's current average cost of capital is 3.54% in outstanding debt, with the average cost of capital being 3.58% and 3.57%, for the years 2014 and 2013, respectively.

TABLE A-5
Cost of Capital

	FY 2013		FY 2014		FY 2015	
	Principal Outstanding	Weighted Average Coupon Rate	Principal Outstanding	Weighted Average Coupon Rate	Principal Outstanding	Weighted Average Coupon Rate
Series 2002 revenue bonds	\$ 23,665,000	5.36%	\$ 23,475,000	5.36%	\$ 23,280,000	5.36%
2004 South Carolina SRF loan	7,257,606	2.25%	6,979,862	2.25%	6,695,816	2.25%
2005 South Carolina SRF loan	6,080,563	2.25%	5,840,674	2.25%	5,595,342	2.25%
Series 2007 revenue bonds	4,432,339	4.02%	4,190,360	4.02%	3,938,653	4.02%
2007 South Carolina SRF loan	10,945,559	2.25%	10,336,817	2.25%	9,714,263	2.25%
Series 2009 Refunding bonds	20,260,000	4.03%	18,915,000	4.03%	17,515,000	4.03%
2009 South Carolina SRF loan	4,743,461	2.25%	4,609,980	2.25%	4,474,130	2.25%
Series 2010 revenue bonds	5,175,000	3.07%	4,810,000	3.07%	-	3.07%
2013 SC Public Service Authority loan	3,500,000	0.00%	3,500,000	0.00%	3,500,000	0.00%
Series 2015 Refunding bonds	-	0.00%	-	0.00%	4,590,000	2.10%
	\$ 86,059,528	3.57%	\$ 82,657,693	3.58%	\$ 79,303,204	3.54%

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

ECONOMIC FACTORS AND NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET AND RATES

The Commission considered a variety of factors in developing the fiscal year 2016 budget, including required rates by utility and customer class, user fees, and other charges. The Commission is required under the Ordinance to set rates and fees at levels which are at least sufficient to provide 100% of the amounts required to be deposited into the Operation and Maintenance Fund for the then current fiscal year, any amounts required to be deposited into any Debt Service Reserve Fund for the then current fiscal year, and any other amounts necessary to comply with the terms of the Bond Ordinance or any other contract or agreement with the Bondholders.

During 2014, the Commission engaged an independent rate consulting firm to conduct a full cost of service and rate design study. The purpose of the study was to provide management with a tool to ensure the recovery of all costs associated with providing utility services to our customers, and that the appropriate rates are set among all rate classes. The results from the study also provided management with a 5-year financial pro-forma for use in its financial management planning.

During 2015, the Commission implemented a Purchased Power Adjustment Clause ("PPAC") for its electric rates. This clause will allow for the planning of future base rate adjustments and allow the Commission to recover wholesale rate increases as they occur, while providing for a smoothing factor to prevent large rate increases in electric rates to the Commission's customers due to purchased power cost increases.

The fiscal year 2016 budget provides for rate increases in its water and sewer utilities. For 2016, requirements, such as increasing legislative environmental requirements mandated for our drinking water and wastewater treatment facilities, volatile natural gas markets and the rising cost of purchased power, rising health care costs, and the general overall effects of inflation on our day-to-day operating requirements, must be dealt with effectively through the rates and fees charged for our services in order to achieve revenue sufficiency and appropriate levels of debt service coverage for each of the four operating utilities.

Contributions, or transfers, to the City of Greer's General Fund will remain at \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2016.

The Commission's customer base for each utility is evaluated in consideration of the City and County projected population growth, the impacts of annexations, the general economy and other known factors affecting each individual utility.

CONTACTING THE COMMISSION'S FINANCE MANAGER

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, customers, and creditors with a general overview of the Commission's finances and to demonstrate the Commission's accountability for the money it receives. Questions concerning any of the information in this report or requests for additional information should be directed to the office of: Charles E. Reynolds, Manager – Finance and Administration, Greer Commission of Public Works, P.O. Box 216, Greer, South Carolina 29652-0216.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

STATEMENTS OF NET POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014 (Restated)
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents:		
Operating	\$ 14,673,293	\$ 18,547,284
Restricted	13,918,697	13,780,440
Total funds	28,591,990	32,327,724
Receivables:		
Customers, less allowance for doubtful accounts		
of \$191,482 in 2015 and \$269,086 in 2014	7,744,823	8,889,190
Short-term investments, unrestricted	3,050,861	3,040,762
Inventories	2,678,481	2,593,824
Customer deposits	959,534	924,186
Total current assets	43,025,689	47,775,686
Non-current assets:		
Utility plant	322,661,224	307,927,183
Less accumulated depreciation	(120,952,061)	(113,807,692)
Net utility plant	201,709,163	194,119,491
Other assets	487,945	166,789
Total non-current assets	202,197,108	194,286,280
Total assets	\$ 245,222,797	\$ 242,061,966
Deferred outflows of resources		
Bond defeasance loss	\$ 406,394	\$ 405,056
Deferred outflows from pension	779,534	726,816
Total deferred outflows of resources	\$ 1,185,928	\$ 1,131,872
LIABILITIES		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 5,326,557	\$ 6,479,184
Construction contract retainage payable	5,449	25,349
Accrued interest	837,266	879,140
Other accrued expenses	1,136,804	824,055
Customer deposits	959,534	924,186
Current portion of landfill post-closure liability	18,000	23,000
Current portion of long-term debt	3,658,199	3,509,490
Total current liabilities	11,941,809	12,664,404
Landfill post-closure liability	306,000	368,000
Other post-employment liability	891,000	827,000
Net pension liability	13,457,698	12,620,045
Long-term debt, net of unamortized premium,		
and current portion of long-term debt	76,196,890	79,733,804
Total non-current liabilities	90,851,588	93,548,849
Total liabilities	\$ 102,793,397	\$ 106,213,253
Deferred inflows of resources		
Deferred inflows from pension	\$ 386,284	\$ 1,064,180
Total deferred inflows of resources	\$ 386,284	\$ 1,064,180
NET POSITION		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 125,357,319	\$ 114,376,942
Restricted for:		
Debt service	2,390,345	2,871,675
Capital projects	8,025,105	7,408,021
Unrestricted	7,456,275	11,259,767
Total net position	\$ 143,229,044	\$ 135,916,405

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS**STATEMENTS OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION***YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014*

	2015	2014 (Restated)
Operating revenues		
Electric revenues	\$ 40,756,477	\$ 38,539,424
Gas revenues	26,200,478	30,593,979
Water revenues	7,494,880	6,861,489
Sewer revenues	5,246,273	5,060,941
Other operating revenues	2,737,691	2,729,487
Total operating revenues	<u>82,435,799</u>	<u>83,785,320</u>
Operating expenses		
Purchased power	34,595,007	32,895,371
Purchased gas	15,855,854	18,743,205
Depreciation and amortization	8,288,997	8,029,271
Other operating expenses	16,884,254	16,672,262
Total operating expenses	<u>75,624,112</u>	<u>76,340,109</u>
Net operating revenue	<u>6,811,687</u>	<u>7,445,211</u>
Other revenues (expenses)		
Interest expense	(2,574,464)	(2,844,555)
Interest revenue	29,491	29,911
Transfers to the City of Greer	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Loss on disposal of utility plant	(25,657)	(34,088)
Total other expenses, net	<u>(3,570,630)</u>	<u>(3,848,732)</u>
Change in net position before contributions	3,241,057	3,596,479
Contributions	4,071,582	2,629,350
Change in net position after contributions	<u>7,312,639</u>	<u>6,225,829</u>
Net position at beginning of the year	135,916,405	142,132,912
Change in accounting principle	-	(12,442,336)
Net position at beginning of the year, restated	135,916,405	129,690,576
Net position at end of the year	<u>\$ 143,229,044</u>	<u>\$ 135,916,405</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 81,415,226	\$ 80,224,437
Cash paid to suppliers	(66,007,804)	(63,239,411)
Cash paid to employees	(6,184,807)	(6,201,355)
Other operating revenue	2,737,691	2,729,487
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,960,306	13,513,158
Cash flows from noncapital financing activities:		
Payments to City of Greer	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Net cash used in noncapital financing activities	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Increase in utility plants	(10,242,192)	(6,270,042)
Capital contributions	1,470,699	1,114,830
Proceeds from sale of utility plant	106,588	53,222
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	4,590,000	-
Debt issuance costs	(44,350)	-
Repayment of debt	(7,944,491)	(3,401,834)
Interest paid on long-term debt	(2,616,338)	(2,851,120)
Net cash used in capital and related financing activities	(14,680,084)	(11,354,944)
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of investments	(45,447)	(5,048)
Maturities of Investments	-	4,392,832
Interest received on investments	29,491	29,911
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	(15,956)	4,417,695
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(3,735,734)	5,575,909
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	32,327,724	26,751,815
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	\$ 28,591,990	\$ 32,327,724

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS
STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (CONTINUED)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

	2015	2014 (Restated)
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Net operating revenue	\$ 6,811,687	\$ 7,445,211
Adjustments to reconcile net operating revenue to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation	8,279,699	8,024,408
Amortization of bond discounts and premiums	9,298	4,863
Change in pension expense	107,039	515,073
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
Customer receivables, net	1,144,367	(319,575)
Inventories	(3,263,098)	(2,970,205)
Other assets	(321,156)	(42,437)
Accounts payable	(1,152,627)	1,067,021
Other accrued expenses	312,749	(193,515)
Other post-employment liabilities	64,000	59,000
Landfill post-closure liability	(67,000)	(23,000)
Customer deposits	35,348	(53,686)
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 11,960,306</u>	<u>\$ 13,513,158</u>
Non-cash items:		
Inventory transferred into capital assets	<u>\$ 3,178,441</u>	<u>\$ 2,588,140</u>
Loss on sale of assets	<u>\$ 25,657</u>	<u>\$ 34,088</u>
Non-cash capital contributions	<u>\$ 2,600,883</u>	<u>\$ 1,514,520</u>
Capitalized interest related to long-term debt	<u>\$ 353,912</u>	<u>\$ 230,970</u>

See accompanying notes to the financial statements.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Note 1—Organization and significant accounting policies

Organization - Greer Commission of Public Works (the "Commission") is a municipal utility system established in 1913 to furnish electricity, natural gas, water, and sanitary sewer service to the City of Greer (the "City") and the surrounding area. The Commission is governed by three elected Commissioners and managed by an appointed General Manager.

For its electric service needs, under an all requirements contract, the Commission is a member of Piedmont Municipal Power Agency ("PMPA") which owns a 25% undivided ownership interest in Duke Energy's Catawba Nuclear Station Unit 2 and its initial nuclear core. This jointly-owned reactor furnishes approximately 96% of the Commission's electrical needs. The Commission also purchases power from the U.S. Department of Energy – Southeastern Power Administration and from the Laurens Electric Cooperative.

In addition to the incorporated City service area, natural gas is provided to five other municipalities. Natural gas supplies are purchased from a variety of sources including Conoco Phillips, BP Energy, Atmos Energy, NJR Energy, SW Virginia Gas Company, and other providers and delivered to the Commission's marketing areas via transmission lines owned by Transcontinental Gas Pipeline Corporation. In June 2013, the Commission began participating as a cooperative buyer from Municipal Gas Acquisition and Supply Corporation ("MuniGas").

Raw water supply is provided from two reservoirs located approximately 5 miles north of the City. This water undergoes treatment in compliance with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control and Federal Environmental Protection Agency regulations and is partially softened during the process.

The sanitary sewer system consists of a series of collection mains, as well as a primary sewage treatment plant.

Reporting Entity - The Commission is not included as a component unit in the financials of another governmental entity.

Basis of Accounting - The Commission's accounting records are maintained on the full accrual basis in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America as applicable to governmental entities and substantially in conformity with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission's Uniform System of Accounts.

The Commission accounts for its activities similar to those found in private business enterprises. The Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") and its predecessor organizations have issued accounting and reporting standards for activities in the private sector, however, the Commission has applied all applicable pronouncements issued by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB").

Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting - The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the full accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred, regardless of when the related cash flows take place.

Non-exchange transactions, in which the Commission gives (or receives) value without directly receiving (or giving) equal value in exchange, include grants, entitlements, and donations. On the full accrual basis, revenue from grants, entitlements, and donations is recognized in the fiscal year in which all eligibility requirements have been satisfied.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Note 1—Organization and significant accounting policies (continued)

The Commission's funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with the fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the Commission's funds are charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expense for the Commission's funds include the costs of sales and services, general and administrative services, and depreciation of capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the Commission's policy to use restricted resources first, and use unrestricted resources as they are needed.

Utility Plant - Utility plant is stated at cost and contributed capital assets are recorded at their estimated fair value at the date of contribution. Interest cost on debt issued to finance the construction of utility plant is capitalized during the construction period. Interest capitalization during the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$353,912 and \$230,970, respectively. Minimum capitalization costs are \$1,000.

Capital assets of the Commission are depreciated on a straight-line basis over the following estimated useful lives:

	<u>Years</u>		<u>Years</u>
Electric distribution system	25	Finance building	50
Gas distribution system	33	Operations center	50
Water system	50	Vehicle maintenance facility	33
Compressed Natural Gas Station	15	Buildings	10
Recreational facilities	25	Fiber Optic	10
Disposal plants and sanitary sewer	50	Vehicles and other work equipment	6.8
Lift Stations	20	Office equipment and furniture	6.8

Depreciation expense for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 was \$8,279,699 and \$8,024,408, respectively.

Costs of labor, materials, supervision, and other expenses incurred in making repairs and minor replacements and in maintaining the plant are charged to expense. Plant accounts are charged with the costs of permanent betterments and replacements of plant, including capitalized labor, as appropriate.

Cash Equivalents - For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Commission considers certificates of deposit with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Investments - Short-term investments include fully collateralized certificates of deposit or repurchase agreements with original maturities of greater than three months and less than one year. Long-term investments include fully collateralized certificates of deposit or repurchase agreements with original maturities of one year or more. Investments are reported at original cost (See Note 4).

Inventories - Materials and supplies inventories are stated at the lower of cost, determined by the average cost method or market, and consists of materials, supplies, and fuel.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

DECEMBER 31, 2015 AND 2014

Note 1—Organization and significant accounting policies (continued)

Revenue Recognition - The Commission recognizes revenue as earned on a monthly basis, based on rates established by the Commission's Board of Commissioners. Due to the fact that the customer meters are read and billed at various times during each month, the Commission estimates unbilled revenues for each of its services delivered to customers between their last respective cycle billing date and December 31, and records that amount as unbilled revenues for the current year. Estimated unbilled revenues as of December 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$3,372,722 and \$3,902,941, respectively.

Allowance of Uncollectible Accounts - Management reviews accounts receivable on a regular basis to determine if any receivables will potentially be uncollectible. The allowance for uncollectible accounts includes amounts estimated through an evaluation of specific accounts, based on the best available facts and circumstances, of customers that may be unable to meet their financial obligations, and a reserve based on historical experience. Management believes that the allowance for uncollectible accounts as of year-end was adequate.

Bond Premium and Discounts - Bond premiums and discounts are recorded and amortized over the life of the respective bonds using a method that approximates the effective interest method.

Contributions - The Commission receives contributions in aid of construction from customers in the form of capacity fees for water and sewer expansions, from developer contributions, as well as from federal, state, and local grants principally for utility plant (See Note 12).

Income Taxes - The Commission is exempt from federal and state income taxes and local property taxes as it is owned by a municipal corporation.

Restricted Assets - Restricted assets consist of cash that will be used for future additions to utility plant or to meet debt service obligations on debt issued to fund additions to utility plant, as prescribed by the underlying bond ordinance.

Other Assets - Other assets consist primarily of prepaid expenses, such as general liability insurance premiums that have been paid during 2015 and 2014, but are recognized over the appropriate accounting periods.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities - The Commission has developed a hedging policy, which provides guidelines for the use of natural gas and financial futures, options, and other contracts. The purpose of the hedging policy is to mitigate the risks associated with fluctuations in interest rates and/or natural gas prices.

By using derivative financial instruments to hedge exposures to changes in natural gas prices, the Commission exposes itself to credit risk and market risk. Credit risk is the failure of the counterparty to perform under the terms of the derivative contract.

When the fair value of a derivative contract is positive, the counterparty owes the Commission, which creates credit risk for the Commission. When the fair value of a derivative contract is negative, the Commission owes the counterparty and, therefore, it does not possess credit risk.

The Commission minimizes the credit risk in derivative instruments by entering into transactions with high-quality counterparties. Market risk is the adverse effect on the value of a financial instrument that results from a change in interest rates or commodity prices. The market risk associated with commodity-price contracts is managed by establishing and monitoring parameters that limit the types and degree of market risk that may be undertaken.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Note 1—Organization and significant accounting policies (continued)

Cumulative changes in the market value of hedge contracts are recorded at the time the contracts are closed. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Commission had a total of 20 contracts and 11 contracts outstanding for both years, respectively, hedging the natural gas system supply and supply for other specific non-system customers, depending upon the expected month of future delivery.

These contracts represent a total outstanding commitment of \$14,605,025 and \$4,053,700 at an average cost of \$3.25 and \$4.24 per dekatherm of natural gas at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Use of Estimates – The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Deferred Outflows/Inflows of Resources – In addition to assets, the statement of net position contains a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate net statement element, deferred outflows of resources, represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (expense) until then. The Commission has deferred losses on advance refundings, which qualify for reporting in this category. Deferred losses on refundings and advance refundings result from the difference in the carrying value of the refunded debt and its reacquisition price. The amount is deferred and amortized over the shorter of the life of the refunded or refunding debt. The Commission has deferred outflows related to pensions for contributions to the pension plan subsequent to the measurement date. These contributions will be a reduction of the collective net pension liability in the next reporting period.

In addition to liabilities, the statement of net position contains a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate net statement element, deferred inflows of resources, represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period(s) and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (revenue) until that time. The Commission has deferred inflows related to pensions for the net difference between projected and actual investment earnings.

Net Position – Equity is classified into net positions and is displayed in three components:

- Net investment in capital assets - consists of capital assets including restricted capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by the outstanding balances of any bonds, notes, or other borrowings that are attributable to the acquisition, construction, or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted - consists of net position with constraints placed on the use of either (1) external groups such as creditors, grantors, contributors, or laws or regulations of other governments; or (2) law through constitutional provision or enabling legislation.
- Unrestricted - all other net position that does not meet the definition of “restricted” or “invested in capital assets, net of related debt.”

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 1—Organization and significant accounting policies (continued)

Pronouncements – The GASB issued Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*. This statement extends the approach to accounting and financial reporting established in Statement 68 to all pensions, with certain modifications. The statement also clarifies the application of certain provisions of Statements 67 and 68. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016, although early adoption is permitted. The impact to the Commission upon adoption of this standard is currently being evaluated.

The GASB issued Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*. The objective of this Statement is to improve the usefulness of information about postemployment benefits other than pensions. This Statement replaces Statements No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, as amended, and No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*. It also includes requirements for defined contribution OPEB plans that replace the requirements for those OPEB plans in Statement No. 25, *Financial Reporting for Defined Benefit Pension Plans and Note Disclosures for Defined Contribution Plans*, as amended, Statement No. 43, and Statement No. 50, *Pension Disclosures*. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2016, although early adoption is permitted. The impact to the Commission upon adoption of this standard is currently being evaluated.

The GASB issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. This Statement replaces the requirements of GASB Statement No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*. Among other things, GASB Statement No. 75 requires governments to report a liability on the face of the financial statements for the other postemployment benefits (“OPEB”) that they provide and requires governments in all types of OPEB plans to present more extensive note disclosures and required supplementary information about their OPEB liabilities. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2017, although early adoption is permitted. The impact to the Commission upon adoption of this standard is currently being evaluated.

The GASB issued Statement No. 76, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. This Statement reduces the Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (“GAAP”) hierarchy to two categories of authoritative GAAP from the four categories under GASB Statement No. 55, *The Hierarchy of Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for State and Local Governments*. The first category of authoritative GAAP consists of GASB Statements of Governmental Accounting Standards. The second category comprises GASB Technical Bulletins and Implementation Guides, as well as guidance from the AICPA that is approved by the GASB. The requirements of this Statement are effective for periods beginning after June 15, 2015, although early adoption is permitted. The impact to the Commission upon adoption of this standard is currently being evaluated.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

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Note 1—Organization and significant accounting policies (continued)

Change in Accounting Principle - The Commission adopted the provisions of GASB Statement 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an amendment of GASB Statement No.27* and GASB Statement No. 71, *Pension Transition for Contributions Made Subsequent to the Measurement Date – an amendment of GASB Statement No. 68*). The provisions of Statement No. 68 and Statement No. 71 (the “standards”) relevant to the Commission relate to changes in the accounting and financial reporting of pensions that are provided through pension plans administered as trusts or equivalent arrangements that meet certain criteria. The standards require government employers to recognize as a liability, for the first time, their long-term obligation for these pension benefits. The employer liability is to be measured as the difference between the present value of projected benefit payments to be provided through the pension plan for past periods of service less the amount of pension plan’s fiduciary net position, with obligations for employers with cost sharing plans based on their proportionate share of contributions to the pension plan. The standards also require more immediate recognition of annual service cost, interest and changes in benefits for pension expense, require deferred outflows be presented for employer contributions made subsequent to the measurement date of the net pension liability, specify requirements for discount rates and actuarial methods, and provide changes to disclosure requirements. With the change being applied retroactively, the provisions of Statement No. 68 and Statement No. 71 were effective for periods beginning after December 15, 2013. As of December 31, 2014, the deferred outflows of resources, net pension liability, deferred inflows of resources, net position and revenues over expenses after contributions have been adjusted as accordingly:

	Deferred outflows from pension	Net pension liability	Deferred inflows from pension	Net Position	Revenues over expenses after contributions
December 31, 2014, as previously reported	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 142,132,912	\$ 6,740,902
Change in accounting principle	726,816	12,620,045	1,064,180	(12,442,336)	(515,073)
December 31, 2014, as restated	\$ 726,816	\$ 12,620,045	\$ 1,064,180	\$ 129,690,576	\$ 6,225,829

Note 2—Project power sales agreement

The Commission, as a member of PMPA, is party to the Catawba Project Power Sales Agreements (the “Sales Agreements”). These Sales Agreements oblige PMPA to provide each member a share of the Catawba Nuclear Station (the “Project”) power output and, in turn, each member must pay its share of Project costs.

Members make their payments on a “take-or-pay” basis whether or not the Project is operable or operating. Such payments are not subject to reduction or offset and are not conditioned upon performance by PMPA or any given member. The Sales Agreements are in effect until the earlier of August 1, 2025, or the completion of payments of PMPA’s bonds and satisfaction of obligations under the Project agreements. The Commission’s share of PMPA’s total energy usage was approximately 15.07% and 15.13% in 2015 and 2014, respectively.

The Commission, as a member of PMPA, is also party to the Supplemental Power Sales Agreements (the “Supplemental Agreements”) under which each member has agreed to pay, in exchange for supplemental bulk power supply costs, its share of supplemental bulk power supply costs. A member may terminate its Supplemental Agreement with ten years advance notice. During 2015 and 2014, the Commission purchased \$33,793,788 and \$32,158,426, respectively, from PMPA under the two agreements discussed above. On December 31, 2015 and 2014, amounts due to PMPA of \$2,668,970 and \$2,619,575, respectively, were included in accounts payable.

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NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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Note 3—Utility plant

The following is a summary of changes in utility plant:

As of December 31, 2015

	December 31, 2014	Additions	Classification Transfers	Disposals	December 31, 2015
Utility plant not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 2,569,333	\$ 26,275	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,595,608
Construction in progress	1,285,706	1,811,494	(1,218,367)	-	1,878,833
Total Utility plant not being depreciated	3,855,039	1,837,769	(1,218,367)	-	4,474,441
Utility plant being depreciated:					
Electric distribution system	47,943,457	4,493,780	582,900	-	53,020,137
Gas distribution system	61,872,135	3,556,349	80,734	(584,747)	64,924,471
Water distribution system	70,612,763	1,486,002	-	(104,975)	71,993,790
Water reservoirs and dams	12,808,116	15,644	(19,544)	-	12,804,216
Recreational facilities	701,309	13,144	3,901	(3,900)	714,454
Disposal plants and sanitary sewer	90,434,322	3,055,128	572,818	(210,579)	93,851,689
Finance building	597,857	17,069	-	-	614,926
Operations center	5,782,121	28,178	(63,641)	(10,896)	5,735,762
Vehicle maintenance facility	358,074	-	22,936	-	381,010
Buildings	75,000	-	-	-	75,000
Vehicles and other work equipment	9,219,597	1,141,723	40,704	(375,300)	10,026,724
Office equipment and furniture	3,117,193	382,434	16,598	(21,821)	3,494,404
Fiber optic	550,200	-	-	-	550,200
Total Utility plant being depreciated	304,072,144	14,189,451	1,237,406	(1,312,218)	318,186,783
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Electric distribution system	(24,332,361)	(1,657,766)	82	-	(25,990,045)
Gas distribution system	(26,390,336)	(1,812,749)	(5,457)	540,124	(27,668,418)
Water distribution system	(20,414,032)	(1,401,603)	(2,100)	91,340	(21,726,395)
Water reservoirs and dams	(5,016,661)	(176,078)	3,900	-	(5,188,839)
Recreational facilities	(268,000)	(18,735)	-	-	(286,735)
Disposal plants and sanitary sewer	(25,061,318)	(1,916,748)	226	162,357	(26,815,483)
Finance building	(89,916)	(17,379)	-	-	(107,295)
Operations center	(3,061,163)	(139,006)	(276)	4,077	(3,196,368)
Vehicle maintenance facility	(228,821)	(9,187)	-	-	(238,008)
Buildings	(75,000)	-	-	-	(75,000)
Vehicles and other work equipment	(6,522,660)	(682,532)	(20,420)	341,566	(6,884,046)
Office equipment and furniture	(2,095,877)	(425,489)	(1,197)	21,108	(2,501,455)
Fiber optic	(251,547)	(22,427)	-	-	(273,974)
Total accumulated depreciation	(113,807,692)	(8,279,699)	(25,242)	1,160,572	(120,952,061)
Utility plant, net	\$ 194,119,491				\$ 201,709,163

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Note 3—Utility plant (continued)

As of December 31, 2014

	December 31, 2013	Additions	Classification Transfers	Disposals	December 31, 2014
Utility plant not being depreciated:					
Land	\$ 2,349,591	\$ 36,793	\$ 182,949	\$ -	\$ 2,569,333
Construction in progress	3,145,531	1,145,395	(2,980,406)	(24,814)	1,285,706
Total Utility plant not being depreciated	5,495,122	1,182,188	(2,797,457)	(24,814)	3,855,039
Utility plant being depreciated:					
Electric distribution system	46,446,258	1,429,180	68,019	-	47,943,457
Gas distribution system	59,620,654	2,198,523	52,958	-	61,872,135
Water distribution system	69,264,697	1,348,066	-	-	70,612,763
Water reservoirs and dams	12,808,116	125,701	(125,701)	-	12,808,116
Recreational facilities	688,689	12,620	-	-	701,309
Disposal plants and sanitary sewer	85,979,932	2,401,840	2,577,732	(525,182)	90,434,322
Finance building	597,857	-	-	-	597,857
Operations center	5,757,343	45,998	-	(21,220)	5,782,121
Vehicle maintenance facility	358,074	-	-	-	358,074
Buildings	75,000	-	-	-	75,000
Vehicles and other work equipment	8,322,583	1,165,554	-	(268,540)	9,219,597
Office equipment and furniture	3,418,534	457,708	125,701	(884,750)	3,117,193
Fiber optic	550,200	-	-	-	550,200
Total Utility plant being depreciated	293,887,937	9,185,190	2,698,709	(1,699,692)	304,072,144
Less accumulated depreciation for:					
Electric distribution system	(22,738,127)	(1,593,212)	(1,022)	-	(24,332,361)
Gas distribution system	(24,632,798)	(1,757,307)	(231)	-	(26,390,336)
Water distribution system	(19,038,099)	(1,375,927)	(6)	-	(20,414,032)
Water reservoirs and dams	(4,840,584)	(176,078)	1	-	(5,016,661)
Recreational facilities	(249,498)	(18,501)	(1)	-	(268,000)
Disposal plants and sanitary sewer	(23,698,892)	(1,870,222)	(17,386)	525,182	(25,061,318)
Finance building	(72,715)	(17,201)	-	-	(89,916)
Operations center	(2,936,655)	(139,059)	(239)	14,790	(3,061,163)
Vehicle maintenance facility	(219,636)	(9,185)	-	-	(228,821)
Buildings	(75,000)	-	-	-	(75,000)
Vehicles and other work equipment	(6,135,250)	(655,262)	2	267,850	(6,522,660)
Office equipment and furniture	(2,560,495)	(389,498)	(21,615)	875,731	(2,095,877)
Fiber optic	(228,590)	(22,956)	(1)	-	(251,547)
Total accumulated depreciation	(107,426,339)	(8,024,408)	(40,498)	1,683,553	(113,807,692)
Utility plant, net	<u>\$ 191,956,720</u>				<u>\$ 194,119,491</u>

Transfers of construction in progress are shown as additions to utility plant being depreciated.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Commission had outstanding contractual commitments of \$1,299,471 and \$683,728, respectively, related to additions to the utility plant. Such construction will be financed from debt proceeds, cash flows from operations, and available cash and investments.

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Note 4—Cash, cash equivalents and investments

At December 31, 2015, the carrying value of deposits included in cash and cash equivalents was \$28,591,990 and the bank balance was \$29,678,723. At December 31, 2014, the carrying value of deposits included in cash and cash equivalents was \$32,327,724 and the bank balance was \$33,475,978. These bank deposits were covered by federal depository insurance up to \$250,000 and/or fully collateralized with eligible securities held by an agent of the Commission in the Commission's name. The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") covers \$250,000 for substantially all depository accounts.

As of December 31, 2015, the Commission had the following investments and maturities:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Less than 6 Months	6 - 12 Months
SC Local Government Investment Pool	\$ 3,050,861	\$ 3,050,861	\$ -

As of December 31, 2014, the Commission had the following investments and maturities:

Investment Type	Fair Value	Less than 6 Months	6 - 12 Months
SC Local Government Investment Pool	\$ 3,040,762	\$ 3,040,762	\$ -

Interest Rate Risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that rising interest rates will adversely affect the fair value of the Commission's investments. As outlined in the Commission's investment policy, investment maturities shall be less than 2 years and maturities shall be staggered in a way that avoids undue concentration in a specific maturity sector. A competitive bidding process is utilized, only allowing a select list of qualified commercial banks to participate.

Credit Risk

The deposits and investments of the Commission are invested pursuant to statutes established by the state of South Carolina. The statutes allow for the investment of money in the following investments:

- Obligations of the United States and its agencies.
- General obligations of the state of South Carolina or any of its political units. Savings and loan association deposits to the extent they are insured by the FDIC.
- Certificates of deposit which are collaterally secured by securities of the type described above, held by a third party as escrow agent or custodian, at a market value not less than the amount of certificates of deposit so secured, including interest; provided, however, such collateral shall not be required to the extent the same are insured by an Agency of the Federal government.
- Collateralized repurchase agreements which are collateralized by securities as set forth in (a) and (b) above.

In addition, the South Carolina state statutes authorize the Commission to invest in the South Carolina Local Government Investment Pool ("SCLGIP"). The SCLGIP is an investment trust fund created by state legislation, in which public monies under the custody of any political subdivision in excess of current needs may be deposited. The SCLGIP is permitted to purchase obligations of the United States, its agencies and instrumentalities, and any corporation with the United States if such obligations bear any of the three highest ratings of at least two nationally recognized rating services. The SCLGIP is a 2a7-like pool, which is not registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") as an investment company, but has a policy that it will operate in a manner consistent with the SEC's rule 2a7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940. The SCLGIP is not rated. The fair value of the Commission's position in the SCLGIP is the same as the value of the SCLGIP shares.

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Note 4—Cash, cash equivalents and investments (continued)

Custodial Credit Risk

For an investment, custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of the failure of the counterparty, the Commission will not be able to recover the value of its investments or collateral securities that are in the possession of an outside party. The Commission's investments are subject to insurance provided by the FDIC and are fully collateralized with U.S. Treasury, "AAA" rated Federal Agency securities, or general obligations of the state of South Carolina or any of its political units.

Concentration of Credit Risk

The investment policy of the Commission places no limit on the amount that the Commission may invest in any one issuer. During 2015 and 2014, the Commission had a concentration of investments held in the SCLGIP.

Note 5—Inventories

Inventories at December 31, 2015 and 2014 consist of the following:

	2015	2014
Materials and supplies:		
Electric	\$ 1,399,799	\$ 1,419,391
Gas	792,900	790,386
Water and sewer	438,056	338,264
Other	19,030	20,441
Gasoline	28,696	25,342
	<u>\$ 2,678,481</u>	<u>\$ 2,593,824</u>

Note 6—Post-closure care costs - solid waste landfills

On October 9, 1991, Federal regulations issued by the Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") placed specific requirements pertaining to the closing of municipal solid waste landfills as well as post-closure maintenance for a period of thirty years after closure. During 2003, the Commission recorded a \$435,000 landfill post-closure liability for its South Tyger Monofill landfill. Under the EPA rulings, this amount is to be amortized over the remaining life the post-closure period, which is 20 years. At the end of 2015, after a review by independent engineers, the landfill post-closure liability was decreased to \$342,000, a decrease of \$49,000, and will be amortized over the remaining post-closure period. For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, amortization in the amount of \$18,000 and \$23,000, respectively, were recorded against related expenses. Actual cost for post-closure care may vary due to inflation, developments in technology, or changes in laws and regulations.

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Note 7—Long-term debt

Long-term debt at December 31, 2015 and 2014 consists of the following:

	2015	2014
\$25,060,000 Series 2002 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond used to fund construction and acquisition of certain improvements of utility plants; interest at 3.00% to 5.50%; principal payable annually starting at September 1, 2005 and interest payable semi-annually through September 1, 2032.	\$ 23,280,000	\$ 23,475,000
South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund loan to finance the Water Treatment Plant Upgrade Project; interest at 2.25%; quarterly installments through August 1, 2034.	6,695,816	6,979,862
South Carolina Water Quality Revolving fund loan to finance the Water Transmission and Distribution System Improvements Project, interest at 2.25%; quarterly installments through February 1, 2034.	5,595,342	5,840,674
\$5,700,000 Series 2007 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond used to fund construction and acquisition of certain improvements of utility plants; interest at 4.02%; principal payable annually starting at September 1, 2008 and interest payable annually through September, 2027	3,938,653	4,190,360
South Carolina Water Quality Revolving Fund loan to finance the upgrading and expanding of the Maple Creek Waste Water Treatment Plant Project; interest at 2.25%; quarterly installments through March 1, 2029.	9,714,263	10,336,817
South Carolina Water Quality Revolving fund loan to finance the Water construction of a 1.5 million gallon Elevated Water Tank and Transmission Main, interest at 2.25%; quarterly installments through January 1, 2041; Partially funded by American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) in the amount of \$2,000,000, interest at 0.0%.	4,474,130	4,609,980
\$24,230,000 Series 2009 Combined Utility System Refunding Revenue Bond used to refund Series 1997 Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds; interest at 4.03%; principal payable annually starting at September 1, 2009 and interest payable semi-annually through September, 1, 2025.	17,515,000	18,915,000
\$6,115,000 Series 2010 Combined Utility System Revenue Bond used to fund construction and acquisition of certain improvements of utility plants; interest at 3.07%; principal payable annually starting at September 1, 2011 and interest payable annually through September 1, 2025.	-	4,810,000

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Note 7—Long-term debt (continued)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>
South Carolina Public Service Authority junior lien loan to finance the acquisition and installation of an electrical substation; interest at 0.00% in years 1 through 5, and interest reset each year to the current rate of interest on 10-year U.S. Treasury Notes in years 6 through 10; principal and interest payable annually starting September 1, 2018 through September 1, 2022.	3,500,000	3,500,000
\$4,590,000 Series 2015 Combined Utility System Refunding Bond used to refund Series 2010 Combined Utility System Revenue Bonds; interest at 2.10%; principal payable annually starting at September 1, 2016 and interest payable annually through September 1, 2025.	4,590,000	-
	79,303,204	82,657,693
Current portion of long-term debt	(3,658,199)	(3,509,490)
Bond premium, net of accumulated amortization of \$459,526 in 2015 and \$425,812 in 2014	551,885	585,601
	<u>\$ 76,196,890</u>	<u>\$ 79,733,804</u>

Future maturities of long-term debt are as follows:

	<u>Principal</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Total</u>
2016	\$ 3,658,199	\$ 2,814,715	\$ 6,472,914
2017	3,777,997	2,697,525	6,475,522
2018	3,893,913	2,576,242	6,470,155
2019	4,720,983	2,450,539	7,171,522
2020	4,854,243	2,320,093	7,174,336
2021-2025	24,999,311	9,464,835	34,464,146
2026-2030	21,841,909	5,212,105	27,054,014
2031-2035	10,451,369	874,300	11,325,669
2036-2040	1,105,280	72,878	1,178,158
	<u>\$ 79,303,204</u>	<u>\$ 28,483,232</u>	<u>\$ 107,786,436</u>

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Note 7—Long-term debt (continued)

Changes in long-term debt:

December 31, 2015

	Beginning Balance	New Issuance	Payments	Ending Balance	Current Portion
2002 Combined Utility System Bonds	\$23,475,000	\$ -	\$ (195,000)	\$23,280,000	\$ 205,000
2004 State Revolving Loan	6,979,862	-	(284,046)	6,695,816	290,491
2005 State Revolving Loan	5,840,674	-	(245,332)	5,595,342	250,899
2007 State Revolving Loan	10,336,817	-	(622,554)	9,714,263	636,680
2007 Combined Utility System Bonds	4,190,360	-	(251,707)	3,938,653	261,825
2009 State Revolving Loan	4,609,980	-	(135,850)	4,474,130	138,304
2009 Combined Utility System Bonds	18,915,000	-	(1,400,000)	17,515,000	1,460,000
2010 Combined Utility System Bonds	4,810,000	-	(4,810,000)	-	-
2013 Santee Cooper Loan	3,500,000	-	-	3,500,000	-
2015 Combined Utility System Bonds	-	4,590,000	-	4,590,000	415,000
Landfill Postclosure Costs	391,000	-	(67,000)	324,000	18,000
	<u>\$83,048,693</u>	<u>\$ 4,590,000</u>	<u>\$ (8,011,489)</u>	<u>\$79,627,204</u>	<u>\$ 3,676,199</u>

December 31, 2014

	Beginning Balance	New Issuance	Payments	Ending Balance	Current Portion
2002 Combined Utility System Bonds	\$23,665,000	\$ -	\$ (190,000)	\$23,475,000	\$ 195,000
2004 State Revolving Loan	7,257,606	-	(277,744)	6,979,862	284,046
2005 State Revolving Loan	6,080,563	-	(239,889)	5,840,674	245,332
2007 State Revolving Loan	10,945,559	-	(608,742)	10,336,817	622,555
2007 Combined Utility System Bonds	4,432,339	-	(241,979)	4,190,360	251,707
2009 State Revolving Loan	4,743,461	-	(133,481)	4,609,980	135,850
2009 Combined Utility System Bonds	20,260,000	-	(1,345,000)	18,915,000	1,400,000
2010 Combined Utility System Bonds	5,175,000	-	(365,000)	4,810,000	375,000
2013 Santee Cooper Loan	3,500,000	-	-	3,500,000	-
Landfill Postclosure Costs	414,000	-	(23,000)	391,000	23,000
	<u>\$86,473,528</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (3,424,835)</u>	<u>\$83,048,693</u>	<u>\$ 3,532,490</u>

The Commission has pledged future total revenues, net of operating expenses, to repay substantially all outstanding debt issued in prior years. Proceeds from this debt provided financing for utility infrastructure. The debt is payable solely from the net revenues of the Commission and is payable through 2040.

The total principal and interest remaining to be paid on the debt is \$107,786,436. Principal and interest paid for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$10,585,953 and \$6,269,390, respectively. Total operating revenues for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 were \$82,435,799 and \$83,785,320, respectively.

In prior years, the Commission defeased outstanding debt issues by issuing new debt and depositing the proceeds in an irrevocable trust to provide for all future debt service payments of the old debt. Thus, the defeased debt and the irrevocable trust are not a part of the financial statement. The advance refunding resulted in a difference between the reacquisition price and the net carrying amount of the old debt which is included in the accompanying financial statements as bond defeasance loss and is being amortized as interest expense over the term of the new debt.

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Note 7—Long-term debt (continued)

On September 1, 2015, the Commission issued \$4,590,000 of refunding bonds to defease the remaining outstanding bonds, net of all cost of debt, of the Series 2010 Combined Utility System Revenue bonds. This refunding transaction provided the Commission with an economic gain of \$81,390. This transaction also resulted in a defeasance loss in the amount of \$44,350, of which will be amortized over the life of the original debt, which is equal to the life of the new debt issue.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the amount of defeased bonds principal outstanding and unpaid by the Trustee was \$21,155,000 and \$18,800,000, respectively.

Note 8—Pension plan

Plan Description

The Commission is a member of the South Carolina Retirement System (“SCRS”) and the Police Officer Retirement System (“PORS”), which is administered by the South Carolina Public Employee Benefit Authority (“PEBA”). The SCRS plan is a cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, established effective July 1, 1945, pursuant to the provisions of Section 9-1-20 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits for employees of the state, its public school districts, and political subdivisions. The PORS plan is a cost sharing multi-employer defined benefit pension plan, established effective July 1, 1962, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 9-11 of the South Carolina Code of Laws for the purpose of providing retirement allowances and other benefits for employees of state, counties, municipalities and political subdivisions. A Comprehensive Annual Financial Report containing financial statements and required supplementary information for the SCRS and PORS is publicly available on their website at www.peba.sc.gov, or a copy may be obtained by submitting a request to PEBA.

Membership

All employees of covered employers are required to participate in and contribute to the system as a condition of employment. SCRS covers general employees and teachers and individuals newly elected to the South Carolina General Assembly beginning with the November 2012 general election. PORS covers police officers and firefighters. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership prior to July 1, 2012, is a Class Two member. An employee member of the system with an effective date of membership on or after July 1, 2012, is a Class Three member.

Benefits

Benefit terms are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. PEBA does not have the authority to establish or amend the benefit terms without legislative change in the code of laws. Key elements of the benefit calculation include the benefit multiplier, years of service, and average final compensation. A brief summary of the benefit terms for each system are presented below.

SCRS - A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 65 or with 28 years of credited service regardless of age. A member may elect early retirement with reduced pension benefits payable at age 55 with 25 years of service credit. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension upon satisfying the Rule of 90 requirement that the total of the member's age and the member's creditable service equals at least 90 years. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a reduced deferred annuity at age 60 if they satisfy the five or eight year earned service requirement, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program.

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Note 8—Pension plan (continued)

The annual retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increased by the lesser of 1% or \$500 every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase. Members who retire under the early retirement provision at age 55 with 25 years of service are not eligible for the benefit adjustment until the second July 1 after the date they would have had 28 years of service credit had they not retired.

PORS – A Class Two member who has separated from service with at least five or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 25 years of service regardless of age. A Class Three member who has separated from service with at least eight or more years of earned service is eligible for a monthly pension at age 55 or with 27 years of service regardless of the age. Both Class Two and Class Three members are eligible to receive a deferred annuity at age 55 with five or eight years of earned service, respectively. An incidental death benefit is also available to beneficiaries of active and retired members of employers who participate in the death benefit program. Accidental death benefits are also provided upon the death of an active member working for a covered employer whose death was a natural and proximate result of an injury while in the performance of duty.

The retirement allowance of eligible retirees or their surviving annuitants is increase by the lesser of one percent or five hundred dollars every July 1. Only those annuitants in receipt of a benefit on July 1 of the preceding year are eligible to receive the increase.

Contributions

Contributions are prescribed in Title 9 of the South Carolina Code of Laws. The PEBA Board may increase the SCRS and PORS employer and employee contribution rates on the basis of actuarial valuations. Employee and employer contributions rates, shown below, were made through payroll deductions for respective periods shown:

Period	SCRS		PORS	
	Employee	Employer	Employee	Employer
July – June 2013	7.00%	10.60%	N/A	N/A
July – December 2013	7.50%	10.60%	N/A	N/A
January – June 2014	7.50%	10.60%	7.50%	12.50%
July – December 2014	8.00%	10.90%	8.41%	13.21%
January – June 2015	8.00%	10.90%	8.41%	13.21%
July - December 2015	8.16%	11.06%	8.74%	13.54%

The gross salaries for employees covered by the SCRS for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$7,104,390, \$6,854,759, and \$6,643,781, respectively. Contributions by the Commission to the SCRS were based on the percentages of the employees' earnings listed above and amounted to \$780,337, \$701,210, and \$678,056 in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Employee contributions were based on the percentages of the employees' earnings listed above and amounted to \$574,312, \$517,011, and \$478,170 in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. The contributions are equal to the required contributions for each year.

The gross salaries for employees covered by the PORS for the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 was \$47,648, \$18,262, and zero, respectively. Contributions by the Commission to the PORS were based on the percentages of the employees' earnings listed above and amounted to \$6,383, \$1,837, and zero in 2015, 2014, and 2013, respectively. Employee contributions were based on the percentages of the employees' earnings listed above and amounted to \$4,086, \$1,162, and zero in 2015, 2014, and 2013 respectively. There were no contributions by the Commission or employees to the PORS in 2013.

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Note 8—Pension plan (continued)

Actuarial Assumptions and Methods

Actuarial valuations involve estimates of the reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Amounts determined during the valuation process are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. South Carolina state statute requires that an actuarial experience study be completed at least once in each five-year period. The last experience study was performed on data through June 30, 2010, and the next experience study through June 30, 2015 is currently underway.

The most recent annual actuarial valuation reports adopted by the PEBA Board and Budget and Control Board are as of July 1, 2014. The following is summary of the actuarial assumptions and methods used in the July 1, 2014 valuation for SCRS and PORS:

	SCRS	PORS
Actuarial cost method	Entry age normal	Entry age normal
Actuarial assumptions:		
Investment rate of return	7.50%	7.50%
Projected salary increases	3.5% to 12.5% (varies by service)	4.0% to 10.0% (varies by service)
Includes inflation at	2.75%	2.75%
Benefits adjustments	lessor of 1% or \$500 annually	lessor of 1% or \$500 annually
Post-Retiree mortality	RP-2000 Males multiplied by 100% RP-2000 Females multiplied by 90%	RP-2000 Males multiplied by 115% RP-2000 Females multiplied by 115%

Net Pension Liability

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Commission reported \$13,397,217 and \$12,613,115, respectively, for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability of the SCRS. The net pension liability of the SCRS plan was measured as of June 30, 2015 based on the July 1, 2014 actuarial valuations and membership data, projected forward to the end of the fiscal year, as well as financial information of the pension trust funds as of June 30, 2015, using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The Commission's proportionate share of the SCRS net pension liability was calculated on the bases of historical employer contributions to the plan. At the June 30, 2015 and 2014 measurement date, the Commission's proportion was 0.070640% and 0.073261%, respectively.

At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Commission reported \$60,481 and \$6,930, respectively, for its proportionate share of the collective net pension liability of the PORS. The net pension liability of the PORS plan was measured on the June 30, 2015 based on the July 1, 2014 actuarial valuations and membership data, projected forward to the end of the fiscal year, as well as financial information of the pension trust funds as of June 30, 2015, using generally accepted actuarial procedures. The Commission's proportionate share of the PORS net pension liability was calculated on the bases of historical employer contributions to the plan. At the June 30, 2015 and 2014 measurement date, the Commission's proportion was 0.00277% and 0.00036%, respectively.

Discount Rate

The discount rate used to measure the total pension liability was 7.50%. The projection of cash flows used to determine the discount rate assumed that contributions from participating employers in SCRS and PORS will be made based on the actuarially determined rates based on provisions in the South Carolina State Code of Laws. Based on those assumptions, the System's fiduciary net position was projected to be available to make all projected future benefit payments of current plan members. Therefore, the long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments was applied to all periods of projected benefit payments to determine the total pension liability.

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Note 8—Pension plan (continued)

Long-Term Expected Rate of Return

The long-term expected rate of return on pension plan investments for actuarial purposes is based upon the 30 year capital market outlook at the end of the fourth quarter 2013. The actuarial long-term expected rates of return represent best estimates of arithmetic real rates of return for each major asset class and were developed in coordination with the investment consultant for the Retirement System Investment Commission ("RSIC") using a building block approach, reflecting observable inflation and interest rate information available in the fixed income markets as well as Consensus Economic forecasts. The actuarial long-term assumptions for other asset classes are based on historical results, current market characteristics and professional judgement.

The expected real rates of investment return, along with the expected inflation rate, form the basis for the target asset allocation adopted annually by the RSIC. For actuarial purposes, the long-term expected rate of return is calculated by weighting the expected future real rates of return by the target allocation percentage and then adding the actuarial expected inflation which is summarized in the below table. For actuarial purposes, the 7.50% assumed annual investment rate of return used in the calculation of the total pension liability includes a 4.75% real rate of return and a 2.75% inflation component.

Asset Class	Target Asset Allocation	Expected Arithmetic Real Rate of Return	Long Term Expected Portfolio Real Rate of Return
Short Term	5.0%		
Cash	2.0%	1.9%	0.04%
Short Duration	3.0%	2.0%	0.06%
Domestic Fixed Income	13.0%		
Core Fixed Income	7.0%	2.7%	0.19%
Mixed Credit	6.0%	3.8%	0.23%
Global Fixed Income	9.0%		
Global Fixed Income	3.0%	2.8%	0.08%
Emerging Markets Debt	6.0%	5.1%	0.31%
Global Public Equity	31.0%	7.1%	2.20%
Global Tactical Asset Allocation	10.0%	4.9%	0.49%
Alternatives	32.0%		
Hedge Funds (Low Beta)	8.0%	4.3%	0.34%
Private Debt	7.0%	9.9%	0.69%
Private Equity	9.0%	9.9%	0.89%
Real Estate (Broad Market)	5.0%	6.0%	0.30%
Commodities	3.0%	5.9%	0.18%
Total Expected Real Return	100.0%		6.00%
Inflation for Actuarial Purposes			2.75%
Total Expected Nominal Return			8.75%

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Note 8—Pension plan (continued)

Sensitivity Analysis

The following table presents the Commission's proportionate share of the June 30, 2015 net pension liability calculated using the discount rate of 7.5%, as well as what the Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability would be if it were calculated using a discount rate that is 1% lower (6.50%) or 1% higher (8.50%) than the current rate:

Commission's proportionate share of net pension liability	1% Decrease (6.50%)	Current Discount Rate (7.50%)	1% Increase (8.50%)
SCRS	\$ 16,890,062	\$ 13,397,217	\$ 10,469,768
PORS	82,241	60,481	40,823
	<u>\$ 16,972,303</u>	<u>\$ 13,457,698</u>	<u>\$ 10,510,591</u>

Pension Plan Fiduciary Net Position

Detail information about the pension plan's fiduciary net position is available in the separately issued SCRS and PORS financial reports.

Deferred Outflows/(Inflows) of Resources

For the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Commission recognized pension expense of \$107,039 and \$515,073, respectively, for its proportional share of the net pension liability of SCRS and PORS. At December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Commission reported deferred outflows of resources and deferred inflows of resources related to the pension from the following sources:

	2015		2014	
	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources	Deferred Outflows of Resources	Deferred Inflows of Resources
Difference between expected and actual experience	\$ 369,370	\$ -	\$ 357,588	\$ -
Net difference between projected and actual earnings on pension plan investments	-	386,284	-	1,064,180
Commission contributions subsequent to the measurement date to the measurement date	410,164	-	369,228	-
Total	<u>\$ 779,534</u>	<u>\$ 386,284</u>	<u>\$ 726,816</u>	<u>\$ 1,064,180</u>

The Deferred outflow of resources of \$410,164 related to pensions resulting from the Commission's contributions subsequent to the measurement date will be recognized as a reduction of the net pension liability in the year ended December 31, 2016. The following schedule reflects the amortization of the net balance of remaining deferred outflows/(inflows) of resources for the SCRS and PORS pension plans:

Measurement Period ending June 30:	SCRS	PORS
2016	\$ 57,159	\$ (10,676)
2017	57,159	(10,676)
2018	138,916	(10,623)
2019	(194,647)	(9,697)
Total	<u>\$ 58,587</u>	<u>\$ (41,672)</u>

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Note 9—Other post-employment benefits

The Commission adopted GASB No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Post Retirement Benefits Other Than Pensions* ("GASB 45") for the year ended December 31, 2008. GASB 45 requires an employer to recognize the cost of providing post-retirement employee benefits other than pensions as the annual required contribution, as calculated under GASB 45, adjusted for interest on the unfunded obligation or funded excess and an amount necessary to amortize the unfunded obligation. The Commission previously recognized the cost of such plans as benefits were paid under the plan.

The Commission sponsors a single-employer defined benefit health plan (the "Plan") that provides medical and dental insurance for retired employees and their spouses based on the years of service at the time of retirements. The contribution requirements of the Commission and Plan members are established and amended by the Commission. Membership in the healthcare plan consisted of the following at December 31:

	2015	2014
Active Employees	130	125
Retirees	5	5
Total	135	130

For those employees hired prior to October 7, 2005 and retired prior to July 1, 2010 (known as the Grandfathered-Group), the Commission provides post-employment health benefits to these employees who retire with 25 years of service for a period until the employee attains age 65. For those employees who retire with 30 years of service, the Commission also provides their spouses with a maximum of three years of coverage.

The Commission adopted changes to the post-employment benefits during 2010, and are as follows. For those employees that were not considered as the Grandfathered-Group, the Commission provides post-employment health benefits to these employees who have met the following qualifications: 1) retire with 30 years of service within the SCRS, 2) have 25 years of service at the Commission, and 3) have attained age 62. The post-employment health benefits are provided for a period of up to three years from the date of retirement or until the employee attains age 65, or the employee becomes eligible for coverage under another group policy, whichever comes first. For those employees who retire with 30 years of service the Commission also provides their spouses with a maximum of three years of coverage.

In accordance with the contractual provisions of the Plan, participants must meet the specified annual deductible requirements. Thereafter, the Plan pays 60% to 80% of allowable claims based on the plan option selected. The Plan pays 100% of allowable claims after the participant has paid the annual out-of-pocket limit prescribed by the Plan. The Plan disallows claims in excess of a specified lifetime maximum.

The health plan is financed on a pay-as-you-go basis. During the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Commission recognized expenses (net of participant contributions) of \$36,377 and \$31,210 respectively, to provide health benefits to Commission participants in post-employment status. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, retirees in post-employment status that were eligible for benefits under the Plan included 5 and 9 members, respectively.

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Note 9—Other post-employment benefits (continued)

Annual OPEB Cost and Net Obligation

The Plan's annual Other Post-Employment Benefits ("OPEB") cost is calculated based on the Commission's Annual Required Contribution ("ARC"), an amount actuarially determined in accordance with the parameters of GASB 45. The ARC represents a level of funding that, if paid on an ongoing basis, is projected to cover normal cost each year and amortize any unfunded actuarial liabilities over a period not to exceed 30 years. The following table shows the components of the Commission's annual OPEB cost at December 31, 2015 and 2014, respectively, the amount actually contributed to the Plan and the changes in the net OPEB obligation to the Plan:

	2015	2014
Annual Required Contribution	\$ 104,000	\$ 104,000
Interest on net OPEB obligation	33,000	31,000
Adjustment to annual required contribution	(34,000)	(32,000)
Annual OPEB cost	103,000	103,000
Contributions made during the year	(39,000)	(44,000)
Increase in Net OPEB obligation	64,000	59,000
Net OPEB obligation - beginning of year	827,000	768,000
Net OPEB obligation - end of year	\$ 891,000	\$ 827,000

The Commission's annual OPEB cost, contributions, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the Plan, and the net OPEB obligation of the years ended December 31, 2015, 2014, and 2013 are as follows:

Year	Annual OPEB Cost	Contribution	Percent Contributed	Net OPEB Obligation
2015	103,000	39,000	37.86%	891,000
2014	103,000	44,000	42.72%	827,000
2013	103,000	50,000	48.54%	768,000

Funding progress:

	January 1, 2013	January 1, 2010	January 1, 2008
Actuarial valuation date			
Actuarial value of assets	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Actuarial accrued liability (AAL) – projects unit credit	1,402,000	1,528,000	3,725,000
Unfunded AAL (UAAL)	1,402,000	1,528,000	3,725,000
Normal Cost	45,000	51,000	189,000
Funded ratio	0%	0%	0%
Covered payroll	\$ 6,643,781	\$ 6,751,423	\$ 6,948,988
UAAL as a percent of covered payroll	21.10%	22.63%	53.60%

Actuarial valuation of an ongoing plan involves the estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. The assumptions include employee turnover, mortality and health care trend rates, etc.

The amounts determined regarding the funded status of the Plan and the ARC of the Commission are subject to continued revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. At December 31, 2015, the Plan was unfunded.

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Note 9—Other post-employment benefits (continued)

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the substantive plan (the Plan as understood by the employer and the Plan members) and include the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between employer and Plan members to that point. The actuarial methods and assumptions used include techniques that are designed to reduce the effects of short-term volatility in actuarial accrued liabilities and the actuarial value of assets, consistent with the long-term perspective of the calculation.

The projected unit credit cost method was used in the January 1, 2013 actuarial valuation. The actuarial present value of benefits allocated to the valuation year is the normal costs. Using the plan benefits, the present health premiums, and a set of actuarial assumptions, the anticipated future payments are projected. The projected unit credit method then provides for a systematic funding for these anticipated payments. Actuarial gains (losses), as they occur, reduce (increase) the unfunded actuarial accrued liability. Unfunded actuarial accrued liabilities ("UAAL") were amortized by level percent of payroll contributions. The UAAL was determined using the funding value of assets and actuarial accrued liability calculated as of the valuation date. The UAAL amortization payment (one component of the contribution requirement), is the level percent of payroll (assumed to increase at 2.0%) required to fully amortize the UAAL over a 30-year period. Projections of health benefits are based on the plan as understood by the Commission and include the types of benefits in force at the valuation date and the pattern of sharing benefit costs between the Commission and its employees to that point. Actuarial assumptions include annual healthcare cost trend rates of 7.5%, reduced by decrements of 0.5% to an ultimate rate of 5.0%. Dental costs are assumed to increase at 5.0% per year. The remaining open amortization period at December 31, 2015, was 22 years. Significant methods and assumption were as follows:

Actuarial Methods and Assumptions

Investment rate of return	4.00%
Actuarial cost method	Projected Unit Cost Method
Annual amortization Inflation rate	2.50%
Amortization period	Level as a percentage of salary
Salary growth	2.50%

Employees of the Commission are eligible to participate into two additional programs that allow for income tax deferral through the South Carolina Deferred Compensation Program, specifically in either a 401(k) or 457 plan. Participation in these programs allows an employee to defer up to the maximum amount permissible by the Internal Revenue Service for the respective deferral period. These programs are fully funded by the employee only, thus no matching funds are provided by the Commission.

Note 10—Risk management

The Commission is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. The Commission is insured under policies through the South Carolina Budget and Control Board, Office of the Insurance Reserve Fund (the "Fund") that is a public entity risk pool. The Commission pays premiums to the Fund for its general liability, property, and accidental insurance. The agreement for formation of the Fund provides that the Fund will be self-sustaining through member premiums and will reinsure through commercial companies for each insured event. The Commission carries general liability insurance with coverage of up to \$1,000,000 per occurrence; automobile insurance with coverage of up to \$1,000,000 per occurrence for bodily injury; and a public official's and employee liability with coverage of up to \$1,000,000 per occurrence.

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Note 10—Risk management (continued)

It is the policy of the Commission to provide group health insurance for all of its full-time employees and Commissioners. These health insurance policies are administered by a third party. The Commission's total expense for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2015 and December 31, 2014 was \$1,539,250 and \$1,625,538, respectively.

The Commission also participates in the South Carolina Municipal Insurance Trust for workers compensation insurance coverage up to the statutory limits.

Note 11—Related party transactions

In 2015 and 2014, the Commission and the City of Greer verbally agreed to addendums to the existing 8-year agreement whereby the Commission makes a fixed payment to the City each year. The Commission recognized expenses of \$1,000,000 in each of 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Note 12—Contributions and capital improvement grants

The Commission receives capital improvement grants from federal, state and local government agencies to finance the planning and construction of various water projects. Upon completion of the projects, the Commission is required to have independent audits of grant funds. Such audits could lead to a request for reimbursement to the grantor agencies for expenditures disallowed under the terms of the agreement.

The Commission receives developer contributed assets from various developers during the year of which become property of the Commission for future maintenance. The Commissions' policy has been to require residential and commercial developers in need of sewer and water services to develop the needed infrastructure at their costs and then to donate the assets to the Commission at the donated assets fair market value.

Beginning in September 2000, the Commission initiated a policy of charging developers and consumers capacity fees related to the direct capitalization cost of installing new services in previously undeveloped parts of its service area, with respect to the waterworks and sanitary sewer systems. These fees serve to recover a portion of the economic impact to the Commission directly relating to these system expansions and may be used to pay a portion of the debt service on debt issued to fund such improvements. Capacity fees are recorded as contributions by the Commission.

Under GASB Statement No. 33, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Nonexchange Transactions*, contributions for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014 are reported in the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position as revenues, rather than as directed additions to contributed capital. Developer and consumer capacity fees of \$675,435 and \$526,915 and capital contributions of \$3,396,147 and \$2,102,435, respectively, are included in contributions.

Note 13—Purchased gas adjustment

The Commission has a purchased gas adjustment ("PGA") mechanism in place to absorb fluctuations in the cost of natural gas. The Commission amended the PGA to provide the ability to spread the collection of accumulated price spikes over longer periods of time to minimize the impacts on its customers.

The PGA calculation records the actual value paid for the commodity during any month, and provides the ability to charge the customer with a price per therm of consumption that would cover a portion of accumulated unbilled amounts, while remaining competitive with other providers in the existing market environment. This future recovery of the cost of natural gas not yet billed is expected to be completed over the course of future billing periods. As of December 31, 2015 and 2014, the Commission had no accumulated unbilled PGA costs.

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Note 14—Contingencies

The Commission is occasionally involved in claims arising out of its operations in the normal course of business, none of which are expected, individually or in the aggregate, to have a material adverse effect on the Commission.

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS**SCHEDULE 1 – SCHEDULE OF ACTUAL AND BUDGETED REVENUES AND EXPENSES***FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015*

	Budget	Actual	Variance Positive (Negative)	Variance
Operating revenues				
Electric revenues	\$ 39,958,785	\$ 40,756,477	\$ 797,692	2.00%
Gas revenues	27,658,992	26,200,478	(1,458,514)	-5.27%
Water and sewer service	12,914,562	12,741,153	(173,409)	-1.34%
Other operating revenues	1,940,660	2,737,691	797,031	41.07%
Total operating revenues	82,472,999	82,435,799	(37,200)	-0.05%
Operating expenses				
Purchased power	33,186,496	34,595,007	(1,408,511)	-4.24%
Purchased gas	16,207,631	15,855,854	351,777	2.17%
Depreciation and amortization	8,047,517	8,288,997	(241,480)	-3.00%
Other operating expenses	18,470,740	16,884,254	1,586,486	8.59%
Total operating expenses	75,912,384	75,624,112	288,272	0.38%
Net operating revenue	6,560,615	6,811,687	251,072	3.83%
Other revenues (expenses)				
Interest expense	(2,996,387)	(2,574,464)	421,923	-14.08%
Interest revenue	30,000	29,491	(509)	-1.70%
Transfers to the City of Greer	(1,000,000)	(1,000,000)	-	0.00%
Loss on disposal of utility plant	-	(25,657)	(25,657)	
Total other expenses, net	(3,966,387)	(3,570,630)	395,757	-9.98%
Change in net position before contributions	2,594,228	3,241,057	646,829	24.93%
Contributions	-	4,071,582	4,071,582	
Change in net position after contributions	\$ 2,594,228	\$ 7,312,639	\$ 4,718,411	181.88%

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SCHEDULE 2 – SCHEDULE OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATING REVENUES AND EXPENSES

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

	Electric	Gas	Water	Sewer	Total
Operating revenues					
Electric and gas sales -					
Residential	\$ 21,679,058	\$ 10,716,465	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 32,395,523
Commercial	6,453,674	5,255,764	-	-	11,709,438
Industrial and power	12,623,745	10,228,249	-	-	22,851,994
Water and sewer service	-	-	7,494,880	5,246,273	12,741,153
Collection penalties	105,146	160,585	133,582	133,583	532,896
Other operating revenues	487,535	398,138	487,963	831,159	2,204,795
Total Operating revenues	41,349,158	26,759,201	8,116,425	6,211,015	82,435,799
Operating and maintenance expenses					
Purchased power	34,595,007	-	-	-	34,595,007
Purchased gas	-	15,855,854	-	-	15,855,854
Depreciation	1,981,771	2,136,755	1,920,421	2,240,752	8,279,699
Amortization	(5,203)	6,751	(4,786)	12,536	9,298
Other operating expenses	3,160,480	4,934,544	4,802,205	3,987,025	16,884,254
Total operating expenses	39,732,055	22,933,904	6,717,840	6,240,313	75,624,112
Net operating departmental revenue	\$ 1,617,103	\$ 3,825,297	\$ 1,398,585	\$ (29,298)	\$ 6,811,687

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SCHEDULE 3 – SCHEDULE OF THE COMMISSION’S PROPORTIONATE SHARE OF THE NET PENSION LIABILITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015 (UNAUDITED)

Fiscal year ¹	Commission's proportion of net pension liability	Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability	Commission's total payroll	Commission's proportionate share of the net pension liability as a percentage of total payroll	Plan fiduciary net position as a percentage of the total pension liability
South Carolina Retirement System					
2015	0.070640%	\$ 13,397,217	\$ 7,104,390	188.6%	57.0%
2014	0.073261%	12,613,115	6,854,759	184.0%	59.9%
2013	0.073261%	13,140,410	6,643,781	197.8%	56.4%
Police Officers Retirement System					
2015	0.002770%	\$ 60,481	\$ 47,648	126.9%	64.6%
2014	0.000360%	6,930	18,262	37.9%	67.5%
2013	0.000360%	7,504	-	-	63.0%

1 - Represents South Carolina Retirement System's and Police Officers' Retirement System's fiscal year.

*This data is presented for those years which information is available.

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SCHEDULE 4 – SCHEDULE OF THE COMMISSION'S PENSION CONTRIBUTION

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

Fiscal year ¹	Actuarial required contribution	Actual contributions	Contribution deficiency (excess)	Commission's total payroll	Contributions as a percentage of total payroll
South Carolina Retirement System					
2015	\$ 780,337	\$ 780,337	\$ -	\$ 7,104,390	11.0%
2014	701,210	701,210	-	6,854,759	10.2%
2013	678,056	678,056	-	6,643,781	10.2%
Police Officers Retirement System					
2015	\$ 6,383	\$ 6,383	\$ -	\$ 47,648	13.4%
2014	1,837	1,837	-	18,262	10.1%
2013	-	-	-	-	-

1 - Represents South Carolina Retirement System's and Police Officers' Retirement System's fiscal year.

**This data is presented for those years which information is available.*

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STATISTICAL NARRATIVE

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2015

This part of the Commission's comprehensive annual financial report presents detailed information as a context for understanding what the information in the financial statements, not disclosures, says about the Commission's overall financial health.

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These schedules offer demographic and economic indicators to help the reader understand the environment within which the Commission's financial activities take place.

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These schedules contain service and infrastructure data to help the reader understand how the information in the Commission's financial report relates to the services the Commission provides and the activities it performs.

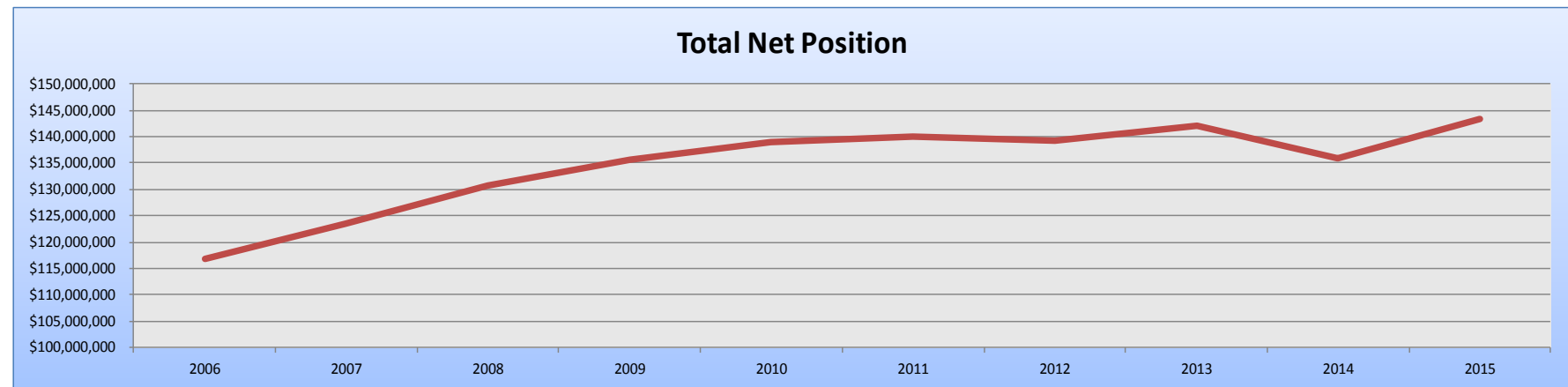
Sources: Unless otherwise noted, the information in these schedules is derived from the comprehensive annual financial reports for the relevant year.

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COMBINED SYSTEM
SCHEDULE OF NET POSITION BY COMPONENT FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS (UNAUDITED)

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 (Restated)	2015
Net investment in capital assets	\$ 98,779,928	\$ 105,884,705	\$ 112,683,179	\$ 113,732,125	\$ 111,941,096	\$ 108,561,274	\$ 108,761,825	\$ 108,778,273	\$ 114,376,942	\$ 125,357,319
Restricted for:										
Debt service	2,452,007	2,154,633	1,578,469	3,889,984	4,952,826	4,467,936	3,565,121	2,505,422	2,871,675	2,390,345
Capital projects	5,401,779	9,011,915	6,247,638	4,644,739	4,874,744	5,169,075	5,606,320	5,944,339	7,408,021	8,025,105
Total restricted	7,853,786	11,166,548	7,826,107	8,534,723	9,827,570	9,637,011	9,171,441	8,449,761	10,279,696	10,415,450
Unrestricted	10,247,888	6,427,074	10,160,784	13,263,590	17,244,248	23,374,253	21,233,711	24,904,878	24,217,176	7,456,275
Change in accounting principles ^{(1) (2)}	-	-	-	-	-	(1,668,067)	-	-	(12,957,409)	-
Unrestricted, restated	10,247,888	6,427,074	10,160,784	13,263,590	17,244,248	21,706,186	21,233,711	24,904,878	11,259,767	7,456,275
Total net position	<u>\$ 116,881,602</u>	<u>\$ 123,478,327</u>	<u>\$ 130,670,070</u>	<u>\$ 135,530,438</u>	<u>\$ 139,012,914</u>	<u>\$ 139,904,471</u>	<u>\$ 139,166,977</u>	<u>\$ 142,132,912</u>	<u>\$ 135,916,405</u>	<u>\$ 143,229,044</u>

(1) The Commission adopted GASB 65 in fiscal year 2011, which changed the treatment of the costs of debt issuance

(2) The Commission adopted GASB 68 in fiscal year 2014, which recorded net pension liability



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CAPITAL ASSETS STATISTICS BY UTILITY

LAST NINE FISCAL YEARS⁽¹⁾

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Electric									
Substations	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	5
Winter peak (megawatts)	53	59	58	67	67	61	64	77	76
Summer peak (megawatts)	81	81	75	83	85	84	81	84	88
Overhead distribution (miles)	190	190	193	193	195	196	199	200	204
Underground distribution (miles)	170	176	183	184	184	184	188	200	204
Poles	9,606	9,986	10,135	11,793	11,938	12,045	12,152	12,302	12,443
Transformers	4,499	4,534	4,571	4,587	4,612	4,653	4,714	4,819	4,867
Meters	15,263	15,955	16,089	16,143	16,310	16,510	16,683	16,962	17,318
Vehicles	17	18	17	17	17	17	18	17	18
Natural Gas									
Transco pipeline connections	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
High-pressure transmission lines (miles)	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	42	43
Intermediate and distribution lines (miles)	683	704	710	712	714	717	721	729	739
Pressure reducing regulator stations	139	139	139	139	131	131	131	131	131
Meters	19,263	19,639	19,880	20,078	20,275	20,569	20,891	21,255	21,883
Vehicles	17	19	21	21	21	20	21	20	20
Water									
Water treatment plants	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Water treatment plant capacity (million gallons per day)	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Average daily flow (million gallons per day)	9	9	8	9	8	10	9	8	9
Peak flow (million gallons per day)	14	16	14	14	13	19	13	12	15
Ground storage capacity (million gallons)	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	8
Elevated tank storage capacity (million gallons)	4	4	4	6	6	6	6	6	6
Transmission lines (miles)	30	31	31	32	31	32	32	33	32
Distribution lines (miles)	372	373	373	379	379	368	371	370	368
Fire hydrants	1,398	1,446	1,459	1,476	1,423	1,438	1,455	1,484	1,506
Meters	17,221	17,438	17,607	17,717	17,899	18,126	18,302	18,522	18,816
Vehicles	8	8	10	10	10	9	12	12	13
Sewer									
Treatment plants	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Treatment plant capacity (million gallons per day)	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Average daily flow (million gallons per day)	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Gravity collection lines (miles)	213	214	215	216	214	216	216	222	223
Force main collection lines (miles)	19	21	21	22	28	20	20	22	21
Lift stations	17	18	18	17	17	17	17	19	17
Sewer valves	52	52	52	52	52	52	52	58	65
Manholes	5,325	5,452	5,532	5,582	5,606	5,615	5,590	5,798	5,891
Vehicles	12	11	13	13	13	14	15	15	11

(1) Capital Asset Information prior to Fiscal year 2007 is not readily available

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COMBINED SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS⁽¹⁾

<i>(in thousands)</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 (Restated)	2015
OPERATING REVENUES:										
Electric revenues	\$ 23,868	\$ 26,686	\$ 28,886	\$ 30,495	\$ 32,136	\$ 31,562	\$ 32,224	\$ 34,812	\$ 38,539	\$ 40,756
Gas revenues	33,630	34,443	38,476	29,195	31,247	26,888	21,932	26,536	30,594	26,201
Water revenues	5,001	5,845	6,000	5,579	5,679	5,634	6,113	5,795	6,862	7,495
Sewer revenues	3,355	3,832	4,169	4,211	4,481	4,526	4,569	4,824	5,061	5,246
Other operating revenues	3,728	3,605	2,627	2,105	1,807	2,022	2,661	2,683	2,729	2,738
Total operating revenues	69,582	74,411	80,158	71,585	75,350	70,632	67,499	74,650	83,785	82,436
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Purchased power	19,333	20,859	22,689	23,548	25,054	26,509	28,426	30,329	32,895	34,595
Purchased gas	27,936	27,333	28,889	20,150	20,381	16,784	12,988	15,140	18,743	15,856
Depreciation and amortization	5,377	5,867	6,288	7,079	7,472	7,124	7,710	7,810	8,029	8,289
Depreciation - change in accounting estimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	817	-	-	-
Other operating expenses	12,811	14,040	14,805	14,716	14,598	13,987	15,099	15,451	16,673	16,884
Total operating expenses	65,457	68,099	72,671	65,493	67,505	64,404	65,040	68,730	76,340	75,624
Net operating revenue	\$ 4,125	\$ 6,312	\$ 7,487	\$ 6,092	\$ 7,845	\$ 6,228	\$ 2,459	\$ 5,920	\$ 7,445	\$ 6,812
OTHER REVENUES (EXPENSES)										
Interest expense	\$ (3,052)	\$ (3,158)	\$ (3,105)	\$ (3,028)	\$ (3,275)	\$ (3,498)	\$ (3,203)	\$ (2,904)	\$ (2,845)	\$ (2,574)
Interest revenue	842	913	457	156	48	80	64	51	30	29
Transfers to the City of Greer	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,262)	(1,088)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Loss on disposal of utility plant	(425)	(12)	(109)	(148)	(599)	(178)	(93)	(140)	(34)	(26)
Total other expenses, net	(3,635)	(3,257)	(3,757)	(4,020)	(5,088)	(4,684)	(4,232)	(3,993)	(3,849)	(3,571)
Change in net position before contributions	490	3,055	3,730	2,072	2,757	1,544	(1,773)	1,927	3,596	3,241
Contributions	1,242	3,541	3,462	2,788	726	1,112	1,035	1,039	2,629	4,072
Change in net position after contributions	1,732	6,596	7,192	4,860	3,483	2,656	(738)	2,966	6,225	7,313
Beginning net position ^{(2) (3)}	115,150	116,882	123,478	130,670	135,530	139,013	139,905	139,167	142,133	135,916
Change in accounting principle	-	-	-	-	-	(1,764)	-	-	(12,442)	-
Beginning net position, restated	115,150	116,882	123,478	130,670	135,530	137,249	139,905	139,167	129,691	135,916
Ending net position	\$ 116,882	\$ 123,478	\$ 130,670	\$ 135,530	\$ 139,013	\$ 139,905	\$ 139,167	\$ 142,133	\$ 135,916	\$ 143,229

(1) Information is summarized from the audited financial statements for the years indicated

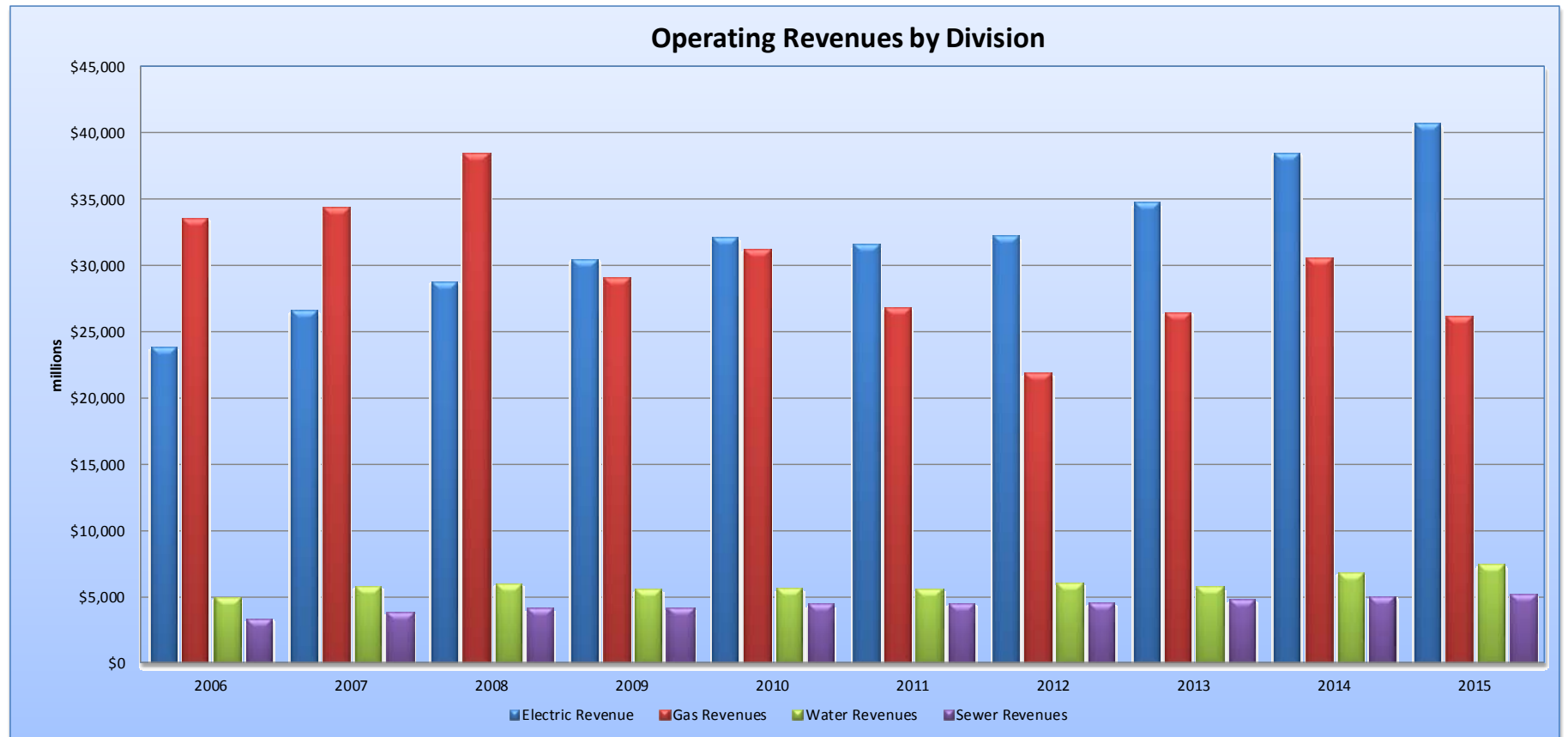
(2) The Commission adopted GASB 65 in fiscal year 2011, which changed the treatment of the costs of debt issuance

(3) The Commission adopted GASB 68 in fiscal year 2014, which recorded net pension liability

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SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – *LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS*⁽¹⁾



GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

ELECTRIC SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS⁽¹⁾

<i>(in thousands)</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
OPERATING REVENUES:										
Residential	\$ 13,296	\$ 15,186	\$ 15,468	\$ 16,321	\$ 17,162	\$ 17,141	\$ 17,067	\$ 18,657	\$ 20,681	\$ 21,679
Small commercial	1,778	2,430	3,072	3,171	3,492	3,341	4,338	4,079	4,322	4,455
Time of use	212	237	227	208	210	297	208	217	234	623
Large commercial	7,747	8,833	9,087	9,702	10,211	9,625	10,022	10,696	12,005	12,624
Rental and street lighting	835	901	1,032	1,093	1,061	1,158	589	1,163	1,298	1,375
Collection penalties	141	149	152	129	95	91	94	96	99	105
Other	1,204	273	301	333	294	473	513	501	495	488
Total operating revenues	25,213	28,009	29,339	30,957	32,525	32,126	32,831	35,409	39,134	41,349
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Purchased power	19,333	20,859	22,688	23,548	25,054	26,509	28,426	30,329	32,895	34,595
Depreciation	1,317	1,408	1,481	1,609	1,854	1,713	1,836	1,865	1,902	1,982
Amortization	5	6	6	4	43	34	25	1	1	(5)
Other operating expenses	2,668	2,859	2,966	3,219	3,244	2,979	2,938	3,051	3,072	3,160
Total operating expenses	23,323	25,132	27,141	28,380	30,195	31,235	33,225	35,246	37,870	39,732
Net operating departmental revenue	\$ 1,890	\$ 2,877	\$ 2,198	\$ 2,577	\$ 2,330	\$ 891	\$ (394)	\$ 163	\$ 1,264	\$ 1,617
PURCHASED POWER - (Megawatt Hours)										
Purchased from PMPA ⁽²⁾	290,598	328,918	340,029	335,001	363,458	352,790	345,028	342,297	357,985	361,126
Purchased from SEPA ⁽³⁾	13,402	13,901	14,041	12,516	11,272	13,584	12,796	18,769	15,267	15,606
Total purchased	304,000	342,819	354,070	347,517	374,730	366,374	357,824	361,066	373,252	376,732
CONSUMPTION - (Megawatt Hours)										
Residential	148,537	161,825	163,775	162,016	183,153	177,315	167,257	168,471	176,752	180,179
Small commercial	14,872	14,235	14,133	13,432	14,418	13,689	12,917	13,171	13,612	13,502
Time of use	3,473	3,639	3,299	2,924	2,746	3,998	2,778	2,678	2,793	6,295
Large commercial	114,483	128,748	136,619	135,962	141,101	147,363	147,079	147,618	152,595	152,925
Rental and street lighting	4,577	5,027	5,153	5,282	5,678	5,791	6,082	6,088	6,112	7,863
Other	10,733	11,825	11,226	11,463	12,029	11,740	11,555	11,513	11,987	12,225
Total consumption	296,675	325,299	334,205	331,079	359,125	359,896	347,668	349,539	363,851	372,989
unaccounted for	7,325	17,520	19,865	16,438	15,605	6,478	10,156	11,527	9,401	3,743
Percentage of line losses and megawatt hours unaccounted for to purchased power	2.4%	5.1%	5.6%	4.7%	4.2%	1.8%	2.8%	3.2%	2.5%	1.0%
ACTIVE SERVICES (Number of Meters)										
Residential	12,439	12,869	13,461	13,454	13,588	13,764	14,003	14,226	14,526	14,819
Small commercial	1,154	1,192	1,245	1,214	1,195	1,211	1,215	1,235	1,229	1,244
Time of use	4	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	4
Large commercial	659	684	715	710	704	744	757	759	782	773
Rental and street lighting	5,930	6,328	6,439	6,638	6,630	6,655	6,817	6,920	6,952	6,963
Other	36	44	47	47	46	47	46	49	49	49
	20,222	21,121	21,911	22,066	22,166	22,424	22,841	23,192	23,541	23,852

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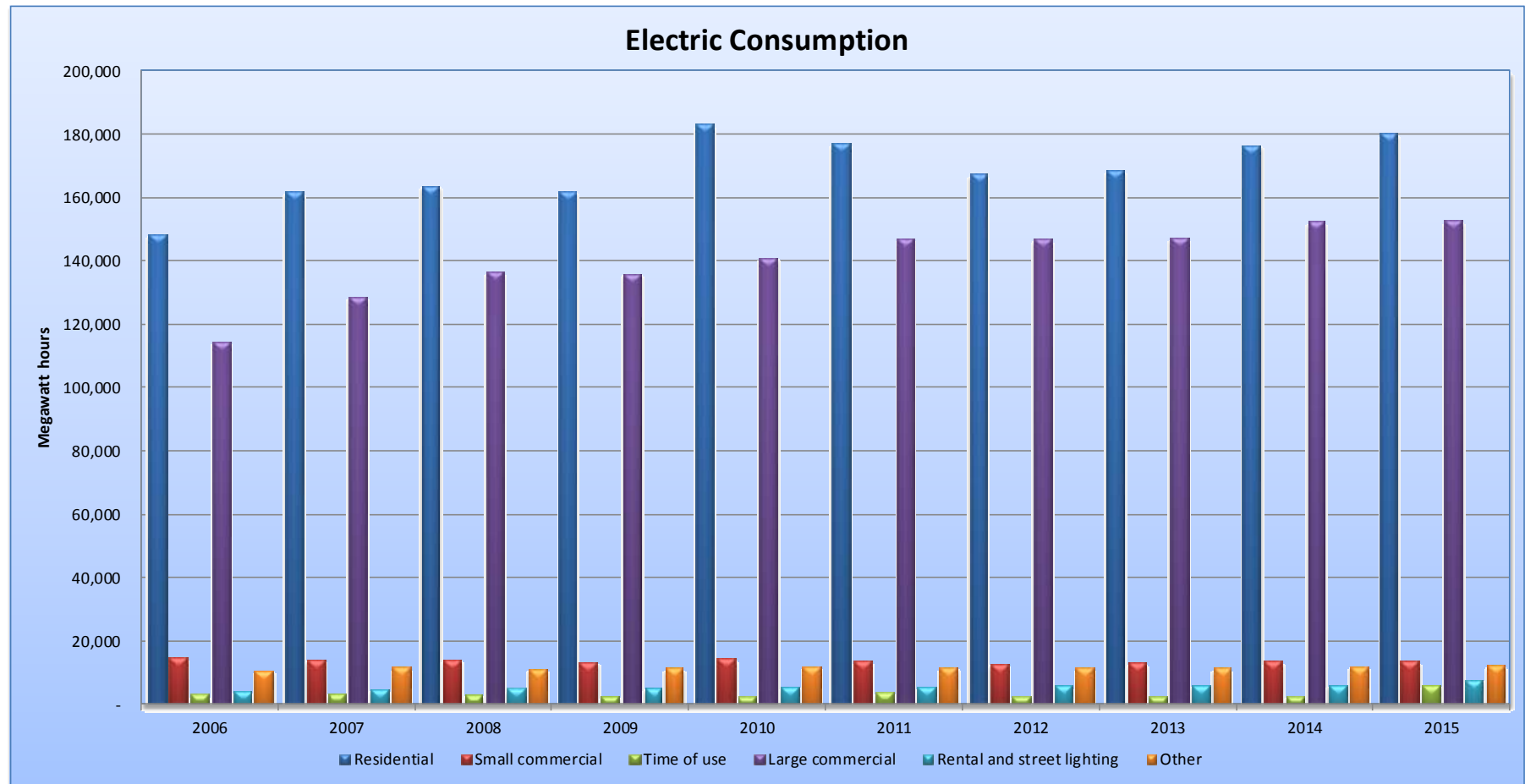
(2) Piedmont Municipal Power Association

(3) United States Department of Energy, Southeastern Power Association

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ELECTRIC SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – *LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS*⁽¹⁾



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GAS SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS⁽¹⁾

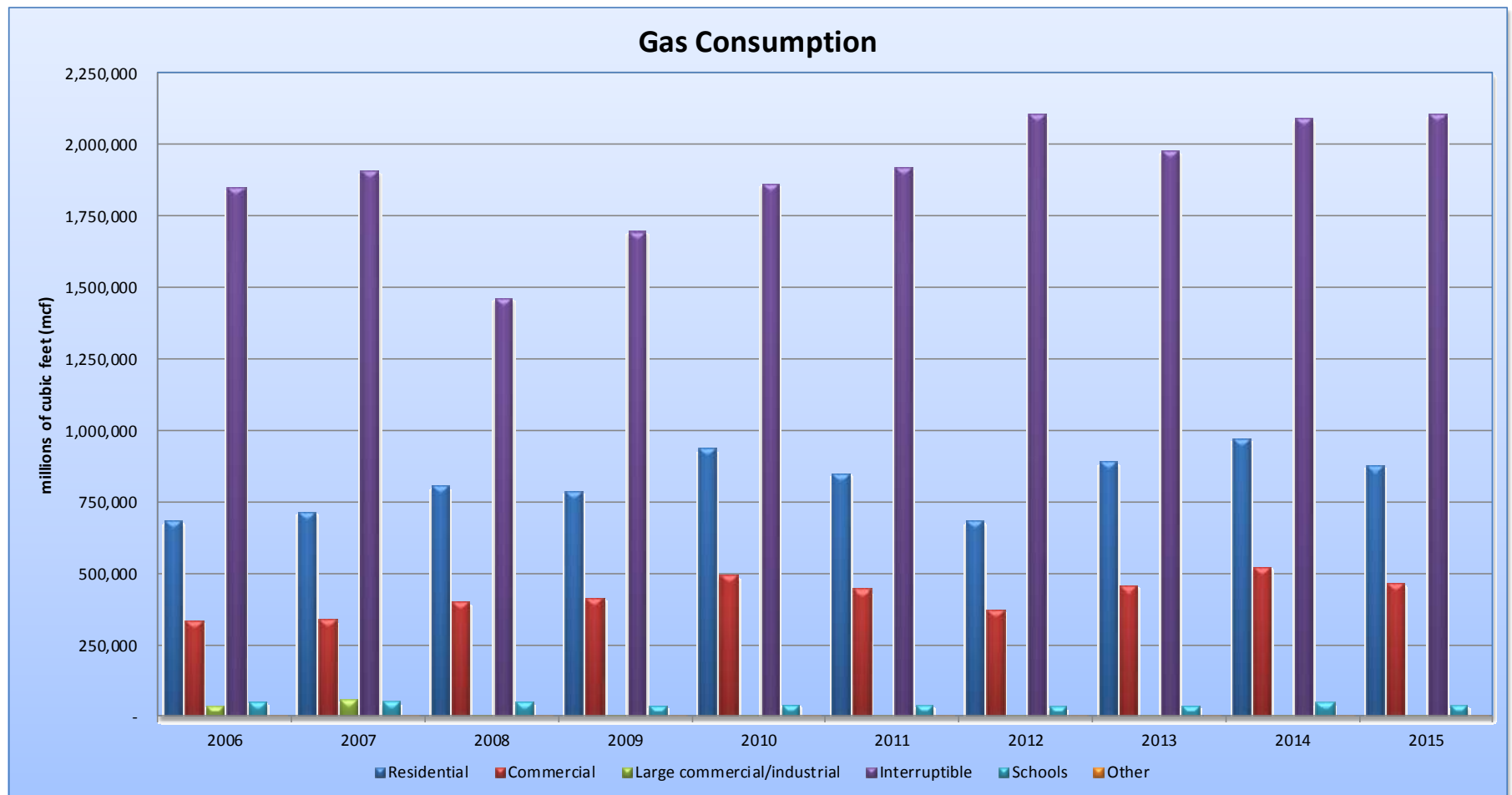
<i>(in thousands)</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
OPERATING REVENUES:										
Residential	\$ 10,963	\$ 11,138	\$ 13,841	\$ 11,937	\$ 12,946	\$ 10,364	\$ 8,670	\$ 10,808	\$ 11,593	\$ 10,716
Commercial	5,135	5,572	7,283	6,004	6,429	4,952	4,317	4,803	5,488	4,863
Large commercial/industrial	673	728	430	105	118	50	43	41	41	61
Interruptible	16,076	16,346	16,115	10,656	11,228	11,087	8,529	10,517	13,026	10,167
Schools	783	659	807	494	526	435	374	367	446	393
Collection penalties	263	278	284	193	149	141	146	148	153	161
Other	579	498	335	222	229	253	301	333	345	398
Total operating revenues	34,472	35,219	39,095	29,611	31,625	27,282	22,380	27,017	31,092	26,759
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Purchased gas	27,937	27,333	28,889	20,150	20,381	16,784	12,988	15,140	18,743	15,856
Depreciation	1,489	1,621	1,757	1,855	2,003	1,864	2,760	2,010	2,066	2,137
Amortization	23	27	26	35	39	(10)	26	1	1	7
Other operating expenses	3,803	4,040	4,457	4,512	4,516	4,377	4,500	4,424	4,886	4,934
Total operating expenses	33,252	33,021	35,129	26,552	26,939	23,015	20,274	21,575	25,696	22,934
Net operating departmental revenue	\$ 1,220	\$ 2,198	\$ 3,966	\$ 3,059	\$ 4,686	\$ 4,267	\$ 2,106	\$ 5,442	\$ 5,396	\$ 3,825
PURCHASED GAS (MCF)	3,119,727	3,197,090	2,925,584	3,057,809	3,533,902	3,382,199	3,340,740	3,639,638	3,873,682	3,629,763
CONSUMPTION - (MCF)										
Residential	686,047	717,641	808,764	792,434	936,733	853,869	686,981	889,965	971,507	878,428
Commercial	339,158	340,434	402,109	418,847	491,385	444,267	377,058	456,793	523,005	465,234
Large commercial/industrial	35,778	58,452	7,965	7,613	5,981	4,393	3,899	4,003	4,022	3,967
Interruptible	1,850,861	1,908,916	1,463,607	1,699,902	1,865,158	1,921,301	2,110,089	1,980,468	2,093,179	2,109,492
Schools	50,791	52,335	50,865	36,962	41,362	39,074	34,303	37,424	48,706	39,630
Other	2,112	1,733	2,393	2,329	2,738	2,950	1,725	2,078	2,372	2,531
Total consumption	2,964,747	3,079,511	2,735,703	2,958,087	3,343,357	3,265,854	3,214,055	3,370,731	3,642,791	3,499,282
Line-loss and unaccounted for gas	154,980	117,579	189,881	99,722	190,545	116,345	126,685	268,907	230,891	130,481
Percentage of line losses and MCF unaccounted for to purchased gas.	5.0%	3.7%	6.5%	3.3%	5.4%	3.4%	3.8%	7.4%	6.0%	3.6%
ACTIVE SERVICES (Number of Meters)										
Residential	15,996	16,334	16,871	16,902	17,141	17,358	17,649	18,004	18,575	18,947
Commercial	1,430	1,460	1,485	1,457	1,433	1,448	1,472	1,489	1,509	1,526
Large commercial/industrial	7	13	9	9	7	6	6	5	5	5
Interruptible	11	8	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Schools	26	25	26	26	24	24	24	24	24	24
Other	11	12	14	15	14	15	16	19	20	21
	17,481	17,852	18,415	18,419	18,629	18,861	19,177	19,551	20,143	20,533

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GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

GAS SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – *LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS*⁽¹⁾



GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

WATER SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS⁽¹⁾

<i>(in thousands)</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
OPERATING REVENUES:										
Inside city	\$ 1,742	\$ 2,106	\$ 2,192	\$ 1,982	\$ 2,005	\$ 1,924	\$ 2,284	\$ 1,921	\$ 2,269	\$ 2,414
Outside city	1,729	2,023	2,075	1,965	2,018	2,070	2,100	1,915	2,244	2,404
Industrial	436	458	471	390	448	472	306	796	908	967
Fire protection ⁽²⁾	13	13	13	13	13	13	14	14	15	15
Irrigation	174	209	213	202	222	222	220	182	219	259
Wholesale	906	1,036	1,037	1,026	973	933	1,189	967	1,207	1,436
Collection penalties	117	124	126	161	124	117	121	123	127	133
Other	611	559	435	401	430	402	454	479	439	488
Total operating revenues	<u>5,728</u>	<u>6,528</u>	<u>6,562</u>	<u>6,140</u>	<u>6,233</u>	<u>6,153</u>	<u>6,688</u>	<u>6,397</u>	<u>7,428</u>	<u>8,116</u>
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Depreciation	1,197	1,370	1,457	1,699	1,691	1,692	1,872	1,866	1,879	1,920
Amortization	3	4	4	31	5	(16)	(26)	2	2	(5)
Other operating expenses	3,869	4,373	4,590	4,234	4,189	4,001	4,105	4,280	4,319	4,802
Total operating expenses	<u>5,069</u>	<u>5,747</u>	<u>6,051</u>	<u>5,964</u>	<u>5,885</u>	<u>5,677</u>	<u>5,951</u>	<u>6,148</u>	<u>6,200</u>	<u>6,717</u>
Net operating departmental revenue	<u>\$ 659</u>	<u>\$ 781</u>	<u>\$ 511</u>	<u>\$ 176</u>	<u>\$ 348</u>	<u>\$ 476</u>	<u>\$ 737</u>	<u>\$ 249</u>	<u>\$ 1,228</u>	<u>\$ 1,399</u>
WATER USAGE (thousands of gallons)										
Total water pumped	2,575,744	3,079,150	2,957,687	2,881,685	3,078,170	2,960,810	2,853,470	2,579,333	2,724,470	2,888,633
Total percentage of non-revenue water	4.51%	5.25%	4.73%	6.12%	6.58%	6.41%	6.89%	9.96%	4.83%	5.46%
Consumption										
Inside city	841,986	959,233	946,308	849,477	906,564	842,495	839,571	697,776	731,028	760,646
Outside city	575,549	636,797	613,953	551,435	587,988	596,328	562,175	464,470	502,717	512,389
Industrial	286,618	300,854	291,671	243,292	272,781	286,841	345,685	373,152	391,915	418,976
Irrigation	96,167	123,206	113,145	103,633	116,025	114,757	105,455	77,170	97,219	91,731
Wholesale	661,729	742,250	669,319	668,624	636,947	581,474	744,748	603,358	701,249	790,598
Other	94,400	109,932	107,919	102,955	94,666	89,749	127,180	118,784	119,519	128,461
Total consumption	<u>2,556,449</u>	<u>2,872,272</u>	<u>2,742,315</u>	<u>2,519,416</u>	<u>2,614,971</u>	<u>2,511,644</u>	<u>2,724,814</u>	<u>2,334,710</u>	<u>2,543,647</u>	<u>2,702,801</u>
Non-account water	<u>19,295</u>	<u>206,878</u>	<u>215,372</u>	<u>362,269</u>	<u>463,199</u>	<u>449,166</u>	<u>128,656</u>	<u>244,623</u>	<u>180,823</u>	<u>185,832</u>
Non-account water as a percentage of total water	<u>0.75%</u>	<u>6.72%</u>	<u>7.28%</u>	<u>12.57%</u>	<u>15.05%</u>	<u>15.17%</u>	<u>4.51%</u>	<u>9.48%</u>	<u>6.64%</u>	<u>6.43%</u>
ACTIVE SERVICES (Number of Meters)										
Inside city	9,424	9,747	9,937	9,876	9,941	10,118	10,328	10,534	10,706	10,775
Outside city	6,323	6,429	6,462	6,442	6,479	6,536	6,612	6,668	6,717	6,932
Industrial	2	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Fire Protection	48	48	47	44	45	42	40	41	40	41
Irrigation	363	371	407	410	422	437	445	454	464	468
Wholesale	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other	15	15	15	15	14	13	13	15	15	17
	<u>16,176</u>	<u>16,615</u>	<u>16,873</u>	<u>16,792</u>	<u>16,906</u>	<u>17,151</u>	<u>17,443</u>	<u>17,717</u>	<u>17,947</u>	<u>18,238</u>

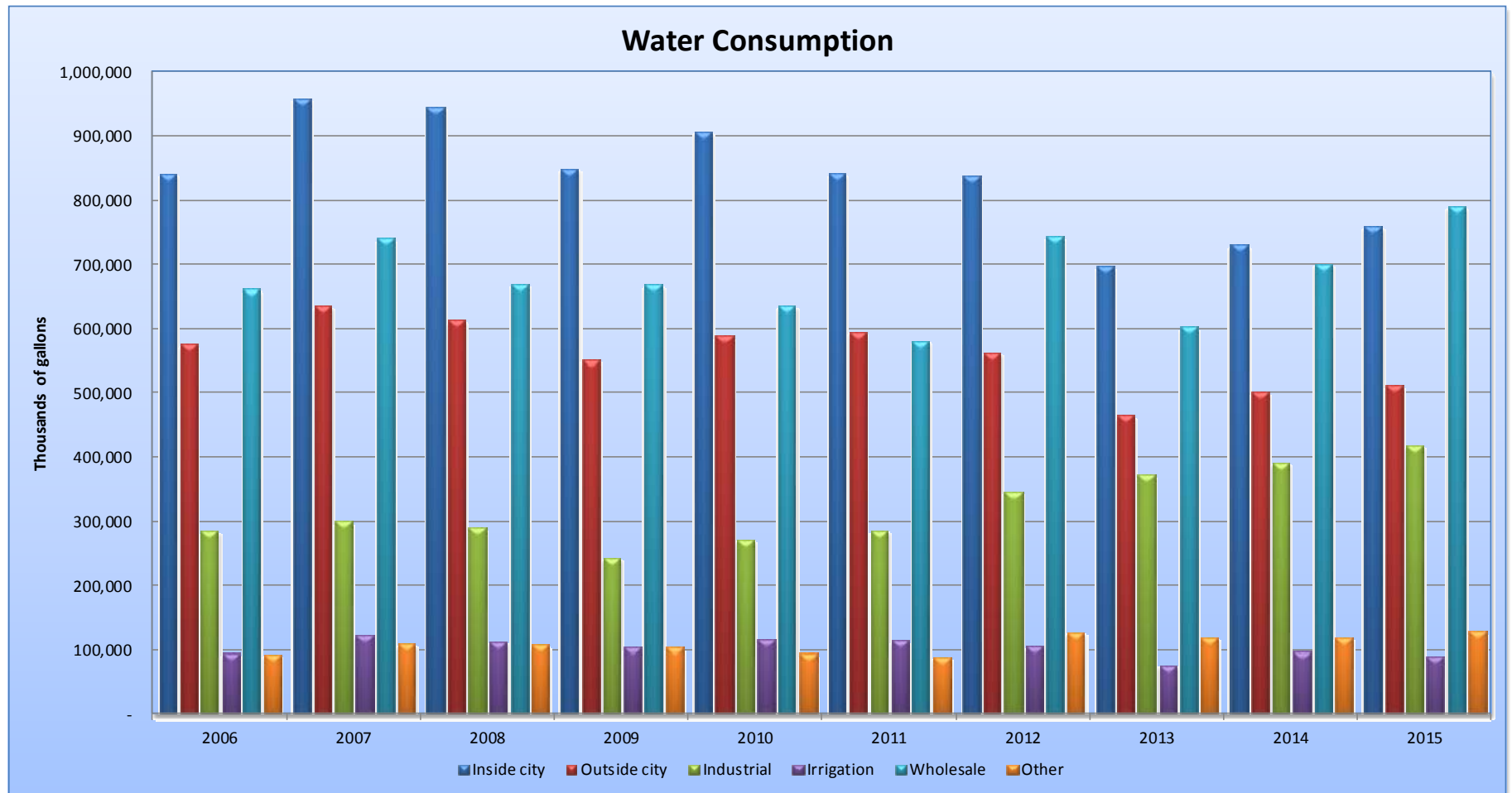
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WATER SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – *LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS*⁽¹⁾



GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

SEWER SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS⁽¹⁾

<i>(in thousands)</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
OPERATING REVENUES:										
Inside city	\$ 2,108	\$ 2,377	\$ 2,596	\$ 2,636	\$ 2,740	\$ 2,803	\$ 2,898	\$ 3,150	\$ 3,274	\$ 3,375
Outside city	904	1,088	1,164	1,176	1,210	1,186	1,117	1,138	1,217	1,298
Sewer services, no water	1	6	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Enoree Basin, inside city	203	233	254	258	334	397	411	407	427	402
Enoree Basin industrial	139	132	153	138	196	139	142	128	142	170
Collection penalties	75	80	81	161	124	117	121	123	127	134
Other	738	742	912	505	362	427	909	879	943	831
Total operating revenues	4,168	4,658	5,162	4,876	4,967	5,070	5,599	5,826	6,131	6,211
OPERATING EXPENSES:										
Depreciation	1,317	1,402	1,529	1,837	1,827	1,852	1,252	2,063	2,179	2,241
Depreciation - change in accounting estimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	817	-	-	-
Amortization	26	29	29	8	10	(5)	(35)	2	2	12
Other operating expenses	2,469	2,767	2,792	2,750	2,649	2,629	3,555	3,695	3,878	3,987
Total operating expenses	3,812	4,198	4,350	4,595	4,486	4,476	5,589	5,760	6,059	6,240
Net operating departmental revenue	\$ 356	\$ 460	\$ 812	\$ 281	\$ 481	\$ 594	\$ 10	\$ 66	\$ 72	\$ (29)
WASTEWATER TREATMENT										
Wastewater plant flows (thousands of gallons)										
Maple Creek wastewater treatment facility	695,780	700,632	711,348	813,750	698,577	704,461	691,079	844,324	735,856	782,402
Wastewater treated - (Thousands of Gallons)										
Inside city customers	514,022	534,089	527,247	497,271	495,291	489,914	481,235	439,950	457,026	460,042
Outside city customers	167,570	156,128	170,541	164,026	187,202	198,549	198,105	193,121	202,524	186,511
Customers with sewer services, no water	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other	879	1,659	813	276	291	286	290	290	272	291
Retail	682,472	691,877	698,602	661,575	682,785	688,750	679,631	633,362	659,823	646,845
Unaccounted for wastewater	13,308	8,755	12,746	152,175	15,792	15,711	11,448	210,962	76,033	135,557
Percentage of unaccounted for wastewater to total wastewater treated	1.9%	1.2%	1.8%	18.7%	2.3%	2.2%	1.7%	25.0%	10.3%	17.3%
ANNUAL RAINFALL (inches) ⁽²⁾	41.80	31.08	38.02	52.83	42.09	45.96	38.86	69.56	50.20	63.99
ACTIVE SERVICES (Number of Meters)										
Inside city	6,081	6,186	6,255	6,195	6,206	6,287	6,358	6,441	6,497	6,555
Outside city	1,112	1,128	1,119	1,114	1,119	1,119	1,140	1,138	1,141	1,143
Sewer services, no water	4	5	5	5	4	4	3	4	4	4
Enoree Basin, inside city	3,069	3,281	3,397	3,395	3,452	3,541	3,684	3,813	4,003	4,157
Enoree Basin industrial	101	108	118	119	161	162	162	162	162	162
Other ⁽³⁾	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
	10,369	10,710	10,896	10,830	10,943	11,114	11,348	11,559	11,808	12,022

(1) Information is compiled from internally generated statistical reports

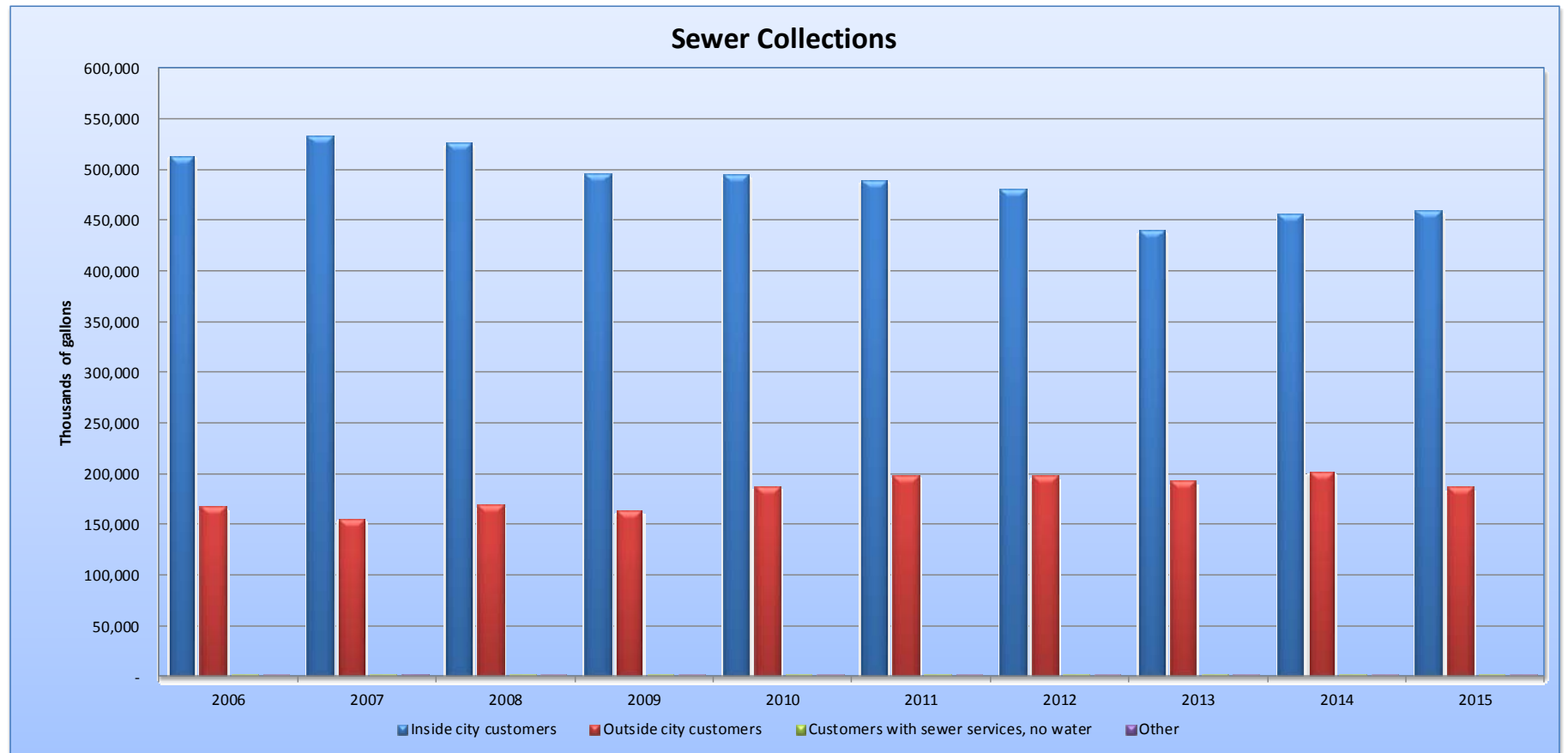
(2) Source: National Weather Service Forecast Office in Greenville for rainfall recorded in inches at Greenville-Spartanburg International Airport

(3) Other customers count does not include ReWa or surcharges

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

SEWER SYSTEM

SCHEDULE OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN NET POSITION – *LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS*⁽¹⁾



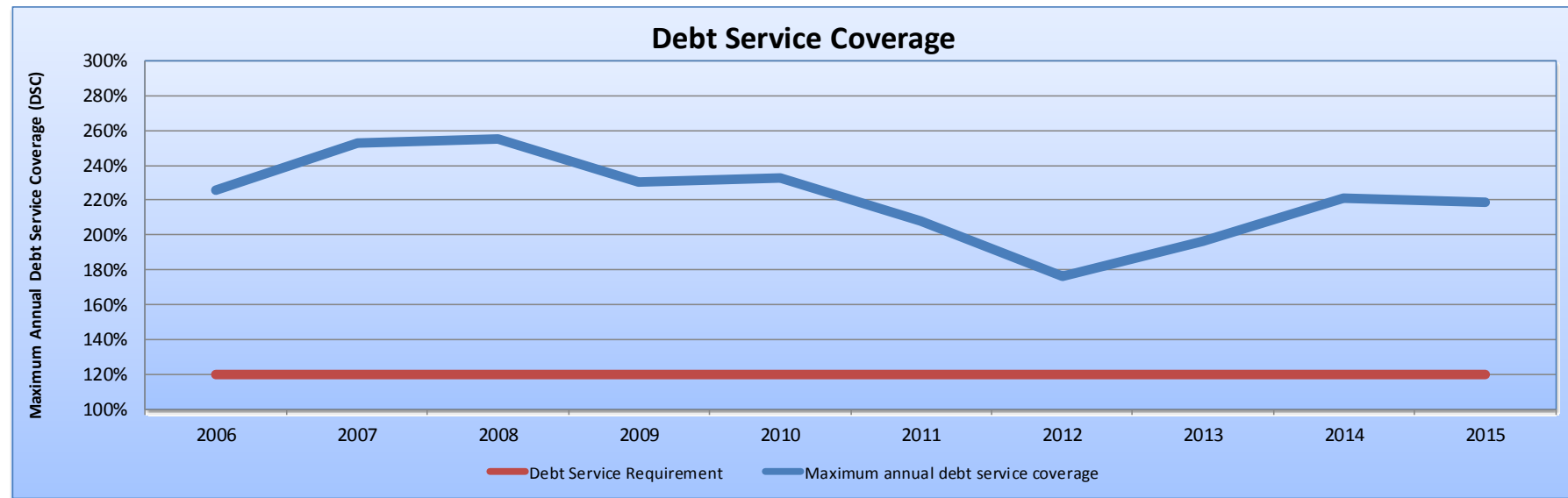
GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS
DEBT SERVICE COVERAGE
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS⁽¹⁾

<i>(in thousands)</i>	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 (Restated)	2015
Revenues										
Revenues from operations	\$ 69,582	\$ 74,411	\$ 80,158	\$ 71,585	\$ 75,350	\$ 70,632	\$ 67,499	\$ 74,650	\$ 83,785	\$ 82,436
Non-operating revenues	417	901	457	156	48	80	64	51	30	29
Capacity fees ⁽¹⁾	839	730	631	340	228	287	371	332	527	675
Total revenues	70,838	76,042	81,246	72,081	75,626	70,999	67,934	75,033	84,342	83,140
Expenses										
Total expenses	69,509	72,258	75,885	68,670	71,380	68,080	68,335	71,774	79,219	78,224
Depreciation and amortization expense	(5,377)	(5,867)	(6,288)	(7,079)	(7,472)	(7,124)	(7,710)	(7,810)	(8,029)	(8,289)
Depreciation - change in accounting estimate	-	-	-	-	-	-	(817)	-	-	-
Bond interest expense	(3,052)	(3,159)	(3,104)	(3,028)	(3,275)	(3,499)	(3,203)	(2,904)	(2,845)	(2,574)
Gain/loss on sale of assets	(425)	(12)	(109)	(149)	(600)	(178)	(93)	(140)	(34)	(26)
Total expenses	60,655	63,220	66,384	58,414	60,033	57,279	56,512	60,920	68,311	67,335
Net revenues available for debt service	\$ 10,183	\$ 12,822	\$ 14,862	\$ 13,667	\$ 15,593	\$ 13,720	\$ 11,422	\$ 14,113	\$ 16,031	\$ 15,805
Maximum annual debt service ⁽²⁾	\$ 4,513	\$ 5,072	\$ 5,818	\$ 5,938	\$ 6,708	\$ 6,600	\$ 6,486	\$ 7,186	\$ 7,239	\$ 7,229
Maximum annual debt service coverage	226%	253%	255%	230%	232%	208%	176%	196%	221%	219%

(1) During 2000, the Commission initiated a policy of charging developers and consumers capacity fees to recover a portion of the economic impact directly related to these system expansions.

These fees may be used to pay a portion of the debt service on debt issued to fund such improvements, and therefore are considered available for debt service under the Bond Ordinance

(2) Maximum principal and interest requirements on outstanding debt for such fiscal year



GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS
RATIOS OF OUTSTANDING LONG-TERM DEBT
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

Fiscal Year	Revenue Bonds	Per Capita	As Share of Personal Income
2006	67,531,461	3,008	0.57%
2007	72,545,842	3,231	0.61%
2008	81,618,275	3,489	0.73%
2009	83,022,355	3,307	0.70%
2010	91,184,805	3,502	0.77%
2011	89,935,693	3,525	0.63%
2012	85,882,182	3,291	0.47%
2013	86,059,528	3,230	0.45%
2014	82,657,693	3,053	0.42%
2015	79,303,204	2,729	0.34%

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

CUSTOMER STATISTICS

LARGEST SYSTEM CUSTOMERS – FISCAL YEAR 2015⁽¹⁾

Name	Consumption	Percent of System Gross Consumption	Revenues	Percent of System Gross Revenues
<i>Water System (thousands of gallons)</i>				
Blue Ridge Water Company (Wholesale)	831,119	30.75%	\$ 1,436,015	19.16%
BMW of North America, LLC	275,077	10.18%	497,690	6.64%
Greer Commission of Public Works	128,473	4.75%	207,294	2.77%
Mitsubishi Polyester Film, LLC	95,474	3.53%	158,432	2.11%
Cliffstar Corporation	40,759	1.51%	65,966	0.88%
Greenville - Spartanburg International Airport	26,447	0.98%	103,071	1.38%
Greer Hospital System	23,840	0.88%	42,114	0.56%
Greenville County School District	14,902	0.55%	33,012	0.44%
Honeywell International Incorporated	9,761	0.36%	29,344	0.39%
Preserve at West View Apartments	9,719	0.36%	45,201	0.60%
<i>Sewer System (thousands of gallons)</i>				
Mitsubishi Polyester Film, LLC	124,626	19.27%	\$ 280,624	5.35%
BMW of North America, LLC	116,115	17.95%	546,511	10.42%
Greenville Hospital System	65,703	10.16%	154,602	2.95%
Greenville - Spartanburg International Airport	30,884	4.77%	95,562	1.82%
Greenville County School District	25,805	3.99%	65,111	1.24%
KBS Legacy Partners Greer, LLC	20,879	3.23%	80,034	1.53%
Preserve at West View Apartments	17,977	2.78%	72,980	1.39%
Cliffstar Corporation	17,677	2.73%	19,515	0.37%
WC Greenville, LLC	17,642	2.73%	68,097	1.30%
Village Hospital	17,342	2.68%	40,014	0.76%
<i>Electric System (megawatt hours)</i>				
Greenville Hospital System	18,643	5.00%	\$ 1,767,181	4.34%
Greer Commission of Public Works	16,715	4.48%	1,116,581	2.74%
Greenville County School District	11,756	3.15%	1,318,552	3.24%
Village Hospital	9,450	2.53%	847,481	2.08%
Wal-mart Stores Incorporated	5,562	1.49%	489,896	1.20%
Huntington Foam, LLC	4,270	1.14%	378,489	0.93%
Cliffstar Corporation	3,725	1.00%	320,272	0.79%
Ingles	3,479	0.93%	295,574	0.73%
Syncron America, Inc	3,095	0.83%	283,471	0.70%
City of Greer, SC	2,880	0.77%	333,362	0.82%
<i>Natural Gas System (mcf)</i>				
BMW of North America, LLC	161,519	4.62%	\$ 3,172,531	12.11%
Mitsubishi Polyester Film, LLC	68,605	1.96%	3,126,608	11.93%
Carotell Paper Board Corporation	40,860	1.17%	2,040,347	7.79%
Springfield, LLC	13,718	0.39%	584,575	2.23%
Cliffstar Corporation	4,173	0.12%	367,237	1.40%
Greenville County School District	3,325	0.10%	326,276	1.25%
Ashmore Brothers	3,250	0.09%	157,787	0.60%
Blacklidge Emulsions	2,554	0.07%	224,546	0.86%
Village Hospital	2,362	0.07%	229,014	0.87%
Sloan Asphalt	2,135	0.06%	84,833	0.32%

(1) Customer information for the year nine years prior is not readily available

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS

NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES BY IDENTIFIABLE ACTIVITY

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Water system										
Water production	9	10	10	9	9	9	9	8	7	8
Water distribution	9	8	8	8	7	7	7	7	8	8
Lake wardens	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Total water system	21	21	21	20	19	19	19	18	18	19
Electric distribution system	19	18	19	19	19	18	18	18	18	16
Natural gas distribution system	21	22	21	23	23	23	22	22	22	23
Sewer system										
Collection	7	9	8	9	9	7	6	5	6	7
Treatment	7	7	7	7	7	6	9	9	9	8
Total sewer system	14	16	15	16	16	13	15	14	15	15
Shared support										
General administration	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Customer service	13	13	13	12	12	12	12	11	10	11
Billing	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	2	2	3
Finance and accounting	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	4
Meter reading	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3
Engineering	6	5	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	7
Warehouse and facilities maintenance	5	5	5	5	4	4	4	5	4	5
Human resources	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4
Operations	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	3
Information systems	6	6	8	8	8	8	7	4	6	5
Locators	3	4	4	4	2	3	2	3	3	4
Measurement								2	2	2
Communications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Vehicle maintenance	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total shared support	57	57	57	56	53	53	51	50	52	57
Total employees	132	134	133	134	130	126	125	122	125	130

GREER COMMISSION OF PUBLIC WORKS
DEMOGRAPHICS AND ECONOMIC STATISTICS
LAST TEN FISCAL YEARS

	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Population ^{1, 2}	22,451	22,451	23,395	25,105	26,040	25,515	26,098	26,645	27,169	27,697
Mean household income ⁴	\$ 42,183	\$ 42,183	\$ 41,864	\$ 40,764	\$ 41,864	\$ 52,660	\$ 66,940	\$ 68,687	\$ 68,518	\$ 53,692
Personal income (000's) ⁶	\$ 526,656	\$ 526,656	\$ 480,674	\$ 475,614	\$ 456,898	\$ 563,703	\$ 706,917	\$ 723,518	\$ 735,519	\$ 804,958
Per capita personal income ⁴	\$ 23,458	\$ 23,458	\$ 20,546	\$ 18,945	\$ 17,546	\$ 22,093	\$ 27,087	\$ 27,154	\$ 27,072	\$ 29,063
Median age ⁴	33.7	33.7	35.7	35.2	34.5	33.9	34.1	35.3	37.2	35.9
Median school years completed ⁵	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.2	13.0
Unemployment rates ^{2, 3, 4}	5.6%	5.0%	4.3%	9.6%	9.3%	9.5%	7.0%	7.0%	5.8%	5.1%

Source: (1) Census of Population, (2) US Census Bureau, (3) South Carolina Department of Commerce (4) Greer Development Corporation, and (5) City of Greer's 2015 CAFR
(6) Computed using population multiplied by per capita income (shown in thousands)

Report of Independent Auditor on Internal Control over Financial Reporting and on Compliance and Other Matters Based on an Audit of Financial Statements Performed in Accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*

To the Board of Commissioners
Greer Commission of Public Works

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of Greer Commission of Public Works (the "Commission"), as of and for the years ended December 31, 2015 and 2014, and the related notes to the financial statements, which collectively comprise the Commission's basic financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated April 11, 2016.

Internal Control over Financial Reporting

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

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, misstatements on a timely basis. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control, such that there is a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Commission's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and corrected on a timely basis. A *significant deficiency* is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control that is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those charged with governance.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or, significant deficiencies. Given these limitations, during our audit we did not identify any deficiencies in internal control that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, material weaknesses may exist that have not been identified.

Compliance and Other Matters

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

Purpose of this Report

The purpose of this report is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Commission's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the Commission's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cherry Bebaert LLP". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Greenville, South Carolina
April 11, 2016