West Memphis Utility Department

FINANCIAL REPORT

December 31, 2006

CONTENTS

	Page
Independent Auditors' Report	3
Financial Statements	
Statements of net assets	5
Statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net assets	6
Statements of cash flows	7
Notes to financial statements	9
Supplementary Information	
Property, plant and equipment	15
Utility sales and customer data	16

JACKSON, HOWELL & ASSOCIATES, PLLC

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS/BUSINESS CONSULTANTS



PARTNERS:

LARRY W. JACKSON, CPA GARY J. HOWELL, CPA ROBERT L. GOSS, CPA DAVID L. JACKSON, CPA JIMMY R. ADKINS, CPA

MICHAEL L. STERLING, CPA

CYNTHIA C. ROBB. CPA

MEMBERS AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS
PRIVATE COMPANIES PRACTICE SECTION

TENNESSEE
7240 GOODLETT FARMS PARKWAY, SUITE 101
CORDOVA, TENNESSEE 38016-4925
(901) 683-5100 (O) / (901) 683-0562 (F)

ARKANSAS 301 East Broadway Street West Memphis, Arkansas 72301-3173 (870) 735-2683 (O) / (870) 735-5871 (P)

E-MAIL: JHH@JHHCPA.COM

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the West Memphis Utility Commission West Memphis, Arkansas

We have audited the accompanying statements of net assets of the West Memphis Utility Department, of the City of West Memphis, Arkansas, as of December 31, 2006 and 2005 and the related statements of revenue, expenses and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended. These financial statements are the responsibility of the West Memphis Utility Department management. 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. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the City's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note A, the financial statements present only the West Memphis Utility Department and are not intended to represent fairly the financial position of the City of West Memphis, Arkansas, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary and nonexpendable trust funds, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also, as discussed in Note A to the financial statements, the Department's investments in property, plant and equipment and the related reserves cannot presently be determined due to the insufficient historical records. The Department's records do not permit the application of adequate alternative procedures to verify the cost of property, plant and equipment.

In our opinion, except for the effect of such adjustments, if any, with respect to the investment in property, plant and equipment, and related allowances, had the records been auditable, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the West Memphis Utility Department as of December 31, 2006 and 2005, and the results of its operations and cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Our audits of the financial statements of the West Memphis Utility Department, an entity of the City of West Memphis (an Arkansas Municipal Corporation) for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005 were intended primarily for the purpose of formulating an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The additional information presented on pages 15 and 16 is presented for the purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such information has not been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on it.

Jackson, Howell & Associates, PLIC

West Memphis, Arkansas July 25, 2008

-4-

West Memphis Utility Department STATEMENTS OF NET ASSETS December 31

ASSETS

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,739,833	\$ 2,601,888
Investments	16,476,870	17,078,704
Accounts receivable, net	5,035,100	4,170,564
Inventories	1,422,751	918,323
Interest receivable	631,666	161,766
Intergovernmental receivables	1,962,927	1,746,836
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS	28,269,147	26,678,081
RESTRICTED ASSETS		
Cash and cash equivalents	549,899	826,377
Investments	1,000,000	6,033,297
Interest receivable	31,426	75,577
TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS	1,581,325	6,935,251
NON-CURRENT ASSETS		
Capital assets		
Land and improvements	1,060,681	1,060,681
Buildings and equipment	7,192,604	6,980,328
Electric plant	41,377,968	40,329,557
Water plant	15,884,229	15,107,392
Sewer plant	_24,994,377	23,395,021
	90,509,859	86,872,979
Less accumulated depreciation	64,150,159	60,622,784
Net capital assets	26,359,700	26,250,195
Deferred debt expense, net	-	412,992
TOTAL NON-CURRENT ASSETS	26,359,700	26,663,187
	<u>\$56,210,172</u>	<u>\$60,276,519</u>

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

LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS

CURRENT LIABILITIES	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$ 1,726,630	\$ 1,406,101
Intergovernmental payable	192,655	
TOTAL CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,919,285	245,756 1,651,857
TOTAL CONDENT ENABLETTES	1,919,200	1,031,837
LIABILITIES, PAYABLE FROM RESTRICTED	ASSETS	
Bond interest payable	-	23,083
Bonds payable, current	-	1,760,000
Accounts payable	64,212	12,267
TOTAL LIABILITIES, PAYABLE		
FROM RESTRICTED ASSETS	64,212	1,795,350
	,	-,,
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Customer deposits	1,106,800	1,094,722
Bonds payable, non-current	, , , <u>-</u>	3,780,000
Unamortized bond discount	-	(52,450)
TOTAL NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	1,106,800	4,822,272
	_,,	·,~,
TOTAL LIABILITIES	3,090,297	8,269,479
NET ASSETS		
Invested in capital assets, net of related debt	26,359,800	20,710,195
Restricted for capital projects	549,899	826,377
Restricted for debt service	342,022	2,953,151
Unrestricted	26,210,176	2,933,131 _27,517,317
TOTAL NET ASSETS		
TOTAL NET ABBLIS	53,119,875	<u>52,007,040</u>
	<u>\$56,210,172</u>	\$60,276,519

West Memphis Utility Department STATEMENTS OF REVENUE, EXPENSES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS For the Years Ended December 31

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
OPERATING REVENUE		
Charges for services		
Electric	\$27,475,669	\$23,141,189
Water	1,555,423	1,286,150
Sewer	1,508,958	1,333,720
Other	227,242	1,152,292
	30,767,292	26,913,351
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Purchase power for resale	16,140,624	13,029,368
Transmission charges	1,437,581	1,227,315
General and administrative	5,078,708	4,999,785
Maintenance, operations, and contracted services	3,300,816	3,377,671
Payment in lieu of taxes	1,513,168	1,293,651
Depreciation	<u>2,502,236</u>	2,577,261
	29,973,133	26,505,051
OPERATING INCOME	794,159	408,300
NON-OPERATING REVENUE (EXPENSES)		
Investment income	1,061,118	588,622
Interest on bonds	(277,000)	(352,235)
Amortization	(465,442)	(175,441)
	318,676	60,946
NET INCOME	1,112,835	469,246
NET ASSETS AT BEGINNING OF YEAR	52,007,040	51,537,794
NET ASSETS AT END OF YEAR	<u>\$53,119,875</u>	<u>\$52,007,040</u>

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

West Memphis Utility Department STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS For the Years Ended December 31

	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:		
Receipts from customers	\$29,914,834	\$25,836,189
Payments to suppliers for goods and services	(24,602,044)	(20,868,092)
Payments to employees	(3,000,807)	(2,882,587)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY	,	
OPERATING ACTIVITIES	2,311,983	2,085,510
CASH FLOWS FROM NON-CAPITAL		
FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Transfers (to) from other funds	(269,192)	<u>153,348</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)		
NON-CAPITAL FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(269,192)	153,348
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND		
RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES:		
Acquisition of capital assets	(3,636,880)	(2,126,889)
Principal paid on bonds	(5,540,000)	(1,675,000)
Interest paid on bonds	(300,083)	(359,075)
Capital contributions	1,025,139	<u>65,107</u>
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN) CAPITAL		
AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES	(8,451,824)	(4,095,857)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:		
Investment income	635,369	488,448
Sales (purchases) of investments	<u>5,635,131</u>	(550,343)
NET CASH PROVIDED BY (USED IN)		
INVESTING ACTIVITIES	6,270,500	(61,895)
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	(138,533)	(1,918,894)
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT		
BEGINNING OF YEAR	3,428,265	<u>5,347,159</u>
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS AT		
END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 3,289,732</u>	<u>\$ 3,428,265</u>

West Memphis Utility Department STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS - CONTINUED For the Years Ended December 31

RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING ACTIVITIES:

Operating income	\$ 794,159	\$ 408,300
Adjustments to reconcile operating income	•	,
to net cash provided by operating activities		
Depreciation	2,502,236	2,577,261
Changes in assets and liabilities	, ,	. ,
(Increase) decrease in accounts receivable	(864,536)	(1,149,318)
(Increase) decrease in inventory	(504,428)	(44,020)
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable	372,474	221,131
Increase (decrease) in other liabilities	12,078	72,156
Total adjustments	1,517,824	1,677,210
NET CASH PROVIDED BY OPERATING		
ACTIVITIES	<u>\$ 2,311,983</u>	<u>\$ 2,085,510</u>

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

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of the Business

The West Memphis Utility Department (the "Department") of the City of West Memphis, Arkansas provides electric, water and sewer services for the City. The current West Memphis Utility Commission has the authority to recommend electric, water and sewer rates to the City Council which has final authority for approving utility rates. The Department purchases 46% of its energy from Constellation Energy. The balance is replacement energy from Entergy.

Basis of Accounting

The Department follows the accrual basis of accounting. Interfund items and transactions between the electric, water and sewer funds have been eliminated.

Property, Plant and Equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed when incurred. Additions, major improvements and replacements of units are capitalized and depreciated on a straight-line basis over the estimated useful lives of the various classes as follows:

	<u>Years</u>
Buildings	40
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	8 - 10
Plant in service	20 - 40
Investment in electric generating plant	27 - 28

Costs and related allowances for depreciation of assets sold or otherwise retired are eliminated from the asset and accumulated depreciation accounts where detail property records are available.

The Department's detailed property, plant and equipment records do not provide sufficient historical detail to determine the cost of individual assets. Due to this inadequacy, it is not always possible to determine the historical cost of property, plant and equipment to be retired. Therefore, certain assets have not been removed from the books when retired.

Short-term Investments

Short-term investments are stated at cost unless there is an indication of permanent impairment of value, in which case the adjustment to market value is included in results of operations. Interest income is accrued as earned.

Revenues

Revenues are included in income as services are delivered. Unbilled revenue at December 31, 2006 and 2005 included in accounts receivable, was \$1,319,940 and \$1,063,440, respectively.

NOTE A - SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - CONTINUED

Deferred Debt Expense

Cost associated with issuing the 1980, 1991, and 1996 Series A revenue bonds has been deferred and is being amortized using the straight-line method over the life of the bonds. These bonds were paid off in December 1, 2006.

Statements of Cash Flows - Cash Equivalents

For purpose of the statements of cash flows, the Department considers all liquid debt instruments purchased with a maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

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 certain reported amounts and disclosures. Accordingly, actual amounts could differ from these estimates.

NOTE B - INVESTMENT IN GENERATING PLANTS

In 1980, the Department entered into an Ownership Agreement with Entergy and the entities whereby it purchased a 1% interest in two fossil fuel electric generating plants in Arkansas, one at White Bluff and one in Independence County. Both generating plants include two fully operational generating power units. The Department financed these purchases through the issuance of revenue bonds (See Note E).

As a party to the Ownership Agreement, the Department was required to pay its 1% share of the construction costs of the plants, as incurred by Entergy and as defined in the Agreement. After commercial operation of the plants began, the Department was also responsible for its 1% share of additions or replacements at each plant. The amounts recorded (including capitalized interest), of approximately \$10,366,211 and \$9,744,416 for White Bluff and Independence, respectively, represent the Department's 1% share of plant construction cost.

The Department is also a party to an Operating Agreement with Entergy whereby it has agreed to pay 1% of the operating costs (mainly operations and maintenance expenses, not including fuel) of the plants. Furthermore, the Department also pays for 1% of the coal purchased by the plants and this amount is included in inventory on the accompanying balance sheets.

These agreements entitle the Department to 1% of the net generating capacity and energy of the plants, which is delivered to West Memphis in accordance with a transmission agreement.

NOTE C - CASH AND SHORT-TERM INVESTMENTS

The Treasurer of West Memphis Utility Commission is authorized by the State of Arkansas Statutes to invest excess cash balances in short-term investments. At December 31, 2006, cash and short-term investments are listed below:

	Restricted	<u>Unrestricted</u>
CASH	\$ 549,899	\$ 2,739,833
INVESTMENTS: U.S. Treasury obligations U.S. Government agencies Certificates of Deposit	1,000,000 1,000,000	1,511,311 965,559 14,000,000 16,476,870
	<u>\$1,549,899</u>	<u>\$19,216,703</u>

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, a government's deposits may not be returned to it. The Department's deposit policy for custodial credit risk requires compliance with the provisions of state law.

State law requires collateralization of all deposits with federal depository insurance; a surety bond; U.S. Treasury and U.S. agencies and instrumentalities bonds or other obligations; bonds of the State of Arkansas or by bonds of a political subdivision thereof which has never defaulted on any of its obligations.

At December 31, 2006, none of the Department's bank balances of \$18,289,732 were exposed to custodial credit risk.

NOTE D - RESTRICTED ASSETS

Restricted assets represent (1) amounts required to be maintained by agreements related to the bond issues, (2) deposits received from customers and (3) a reserve for utility depreciation.

NOTE E - REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE

On October 15, 1991, the Department issued \$21,175,000 of the Public Utility System Refunding Revenue Bonds, 1991 Series A. The bonds were sold at a discount yielding net proceeds of approximately \$20,685,505. These proceeds were used to refund a substantial majority (\$20,325,000) of the Public Utility System Revenue Bonds, 1980 Series A.

Principal payments are due annually in increasing amounts over 18 years beginning in 1992. The bonds are subject to redemption prior to maturity at the option of the department on or after January 1, 2003. Interest is payable semiannually. The bonds have various interest rates ranging from 4.65% to 6.60% dependent upon the maturity date. The bond discount is being amortized using the bonds outstanding method over the life of the bonds.

NOTE E - REVENUE BONDS PAYABLE - CONTINUED

The bonds are special obligations of the Department and of the City of West Memphis, Arkansas, and are payable solely from and secured by a pledge of the unexpended bond sale proceeds and by the revenue of the Department remaining after payment of necessary and ordinary operating and maintenance costs. Such remaining revenues are set aside in certain contingency and reserve funds as described in the Trust Indenture.

The portion of the proceeds designated for the payment of the 1980 Series A bonds has been placed in an irrevocable escrow account which meets the requirements for the defeasement of the bonds; therefore, neither the bonds nor the escrow deposits are reflected in the financial statements.

On November 19, 1996, the Department issued \$17,990,000 of the Public Utility System Revenue Bonds, 1996 Series A. These proceeds were used to refund the 1991 Series A Bonds. The bonds bear interest at rates ranging from 4.30% - 5.25%. Interest is payable on December 1 and June 1, commencing June 1, 1997. The bonds are special revenue obligations of the Department and of the City of West Memphis, Arkansas. They are payable solely from and secured by the revenues of the Department.

The portion of the proceeds designated for the payment of the 1991 Series A bonds has been placed in an irrevocable escrow account which meets the requirements for the defeasement of the bonds; therefore, neither the bonds nor the escrow deposits are reflected in the financial statements.

Public Utility System Revenue Bonds, 1996 Series A were refunded December 1, 2006.

NOTE F - RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE CITY

The Department is one of a number of departments and/or funds of the City of West Memphis established for a specific purpose. General services, such as personnel, data processing, financial administration and legal services are provided to the Department by the City. The costs associated with providing these services are charged to the Department by the City. The City also charges the Department an amount in lieu of franchise taxes.

The Department, as a convenience to customers, includes the fees for city-provided garbage collection in its monthly customer billings. These fees are remitted to the Sanitation Department monthly and are not reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

NOTE G - PENSION PLAN

On January 1, 1977, the City established a defined contribution pension plan for all non-uniformed employees. The City contributes 6% of each participant's annual salary, and employees can also contribute an amount between 2% and 10% of their salaries. Participants vest in employer's contribution at a rate of 20% per year. Eligibility commences one year from date of employment.

Employees have the option to invest the funds in their account. Employees are entitled only to the funds deposited by them and on their behalf; therefore, there is no unfunded liability.

The amount contributed to the pension plan and expensed by the Department was approximately \$164,383 and \$157,330 for the years ended December 31, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

West Memphis Utility Department PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT December 31, 2006

_	COST			
	Balance January 1, 2006	Additions and Transfers	Disposals and Transfers	Balance December 31, 2006
UTILITY DI ANT IN SEDV	ICE			
UTILITY, PLANT IN SERV Electric	\$20,558,672	\$ 708.669	\$ -	#01 0 <i>67</i> 041
Generating plants	\$20,336,072	\$ 708,669	3 -	\$21,267,341
White Bluff	10,137,117	229,094		10 266 211
Independence	9,633,768	110,648	-	10,366,211 _9,744,416
macpendence	40,329,557	1,048,411		41,377,968
Water	15,107,392	776,837	-	15,884,229
Sewer	23,395,021	1,599,356	_	24,994,377
	78,831,970	3,424,604		82,256,574
OTHER PROPERTY, PLAN	ΊΤ			
AND EQUIPMENT	-			
Land	317,379	_	-	317,379
Buildings	668,688	770	-	669,458
Building improvements	743,302	-	-	743,302
Furniture and fixtures	287,999	16,084	_	304,083
Transportation equipment	3,165,771	93,675	-	3,259,446
Miscellaneous equipment	2,857,870	101,747	-	2,959,617
	8,041,009	212,276	•	8,253,285
CONTRIBUTION IN AID				
OF CONSTRUCTION	-			-
	<u>\$86,872,979</u>	<u>\$3,636,880</u>	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$90,509,859</u>

ACCUMULATED DEPRECIATION

8,496,829 365,507 8,862 7,182,326 345,135 - 7,527 26,182,275 1,208,477 27,390 8,690,427 286,806 8,977 16,415,018 631,703 - 17,046 51,287,720 2,126,986 53,414 259,617 13,180 272 470,714 18,583 489 172,842 16,319 189 2,593,884 161,866 2,755 1,973,528 165,301 - 2,138 5,470,585 375,249 - 5,845	Balance January 1, 2006	Current <u>Provision</u>	Other <u>Additions</u>	Balance December 31, <u>2006</u>
7,182,326 345,135 - 7,527 26,182,275 1,208,477 27,390 8,690,427 286,806 8,977 16,415,018 631,703 - 17,046 51,287,720 2,126,986 53,414 259,617 13,180 272 470,714 18,583 489 172,842 16,319 189 2,593,884 161,866 2,755 1,973,528 165,301 - 2,138 5,470,585 375,249 - 5,845	\$10,503,120	\$ 497,835	\$	\$11,000,955
470,714 18,583 489 172,842 16,319 189 2,593,884 161,866 2,755 1,973,528 165,301 - 2,138 5,470,585 375,249 - 5,845	7,182,326 26,182,275 8,690,427 16,415,018	345,135 1,208,477 286,806 631,703		8,862,336 7,527,461 27,390,752 8,977,233 17,046,721 53,414,706
	470,714 172,842 2,593,884 1,973,528	18,583 16,319 161,866 <u>165,301</u>		272,797 489,297 189,161 2,755,750 2,138,829 5,845,834
0.00.000.701	3,864,479		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	<u>4,889,619</u> \$64,150,159

West Memphis Utility Department UTILITY SALES AND CUSTOMER DATA For the Years Ended December 31

	Electric Sales (KWH) <u>In Thousands</u>		Number of Metere <u>Customers</u>	
	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Residential Commercial & industrial Public authority	155,36 218,00 	214,315 16 10,653	10,658 1,542 	10,580 1,493 112
	<u>385,98</u>	<u>382,090</u>	<u>12,316</u>	<u>12,185</u>
	Water (Thousand 2006	of Gallons)	Custo	•
	<u> 2000</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>	<u>2005</u>
Residential Commercial & industrial Public authority	874,422 952,125 15,460	903,329 944,241 17,588	8,853 1,038 <u>35</u>	8,733 1,029 <u>32</u>
	<u>1,842,007</u>	<u>1,865,158</u>	<u>9,926</u>	<u>9,794</u>