

**GRAETTINGER MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT  
A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE CITY OF GRAETTINGER  
GRAETTINGER, IOWA**

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORTS  
BASIC FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
AND SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION  
SCHEDULE OF FINDINGS**

**FOR THE FISCAL YEARS ENDED JUNE 30, 2014 AND 2013**

Graettinger Municipal Light Plant  
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**Officials**

June 30, 2014

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Term Expires</u>
Lloyd Petersen	Chairman	Sep 1, 2019
James A. Haegele	Board Member	Sep 1, 2017
Bill Brown, Jr.	Board Member	Sep 1, 2015
Scott Tonderum	Superintendent	(Resigned) Nov, 2013
Pamela Peton	Secretary/Accountant	Indefinite

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### Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of the  
Graettinger Municipal Light Plant:

#### Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Graettinger Municipal Light Plant, a component unit of the City of Graettinger, Iowa as of and for the years ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, and the related Notes to Financial Statements.

#### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. 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 opinions on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audits in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards 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 of 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 Light Plant'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 Light Plant'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 the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Graettinger Municipal Light Plant as of June 30, 2014, and June 30, 2013, and the changes in its financial position and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

### Other Matters

#### *Required Supplementary Information*

U.S. generally accepted accounting principle require Management's Discussion and Analysis, the Budgetary Comparison Information and the Schedule of Funding Progress for the Retiree Health Plan on pages 5 through 10 and 30 through 32 to 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 which considers it to be an essential part of the 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, 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 audits were conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Graettinger Municipal Light Plant's basic financial statements. Supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 4 are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the basic financial statements.

Supplementary information included in Schedules 1 and 2 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, based on our audit and the procedures performed as described above, the information included in Schedules 1 and 2 is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Schedules 3 and 4 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 Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated February 5, 2015, on our consideration of Graettinger Municipal Light Plant's internal control over financial reporting and 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 an opinion on the 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 Light Plant's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

*Cornwell, Frideres, Maher & Associates, P.L.C.*

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Certified Public Accountants

February 5, 2015

## **MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS**

Graettinger Municipal Light Plant provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2013. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Light Plant's financial statements, which follow.

### **FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS**

- ~ The Light Plant's operating revenues increased by 9.4%, or \$104,487, from fiscal 2013 to 2014. This increase in revenues is due to an increase in residential rates and increase in energy adjustments throughout the year.
- ~ The Light Plant's operating expenses increased by 4.8%, or \$48,085, from fiscal 2013 to 2014. This change is the result of a combination of increase of some expenses, and decrease of others. There was not a substantial variance in any one category.
- ~ The Light Plant's non-operating revenues (expenses) decreased from \$1321 in fiscal 2013 to (\$16,435) in fiscal 2014.
- ~ The Light Plant's net position increased by 3.7%, or \$126,586 from fiscal 2013 to 2014.

### **USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT**

The Graettinger Municipal Light Plant is a single Enterprise Fund and presents its financial statements using the economic resources measurement focus and accrual basis of accounting, which is the same measurement focus and basis of accounting employed by private sector business enterprises. This discussion and analysis are intended to serve as an introduction to the Graettinger Municipal Light Plant's basic financial statements. The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information as follows:

Management's Discussion and Analysis introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Light Plant's financial activities.

The statement of Net Position presents information on the Light Plant's assets and liabilities, with difference between the two reported as net position. Over time, increases or decreases in net position may serve as a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the Light Plant is improving or deteriorating.

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Change in Net Assets is the basic statement of activities for the proprietary funds. This statement presents information on the Light Plant's operating revenues and expenses, non-operating revenues and expenses and whether the Light Plant's financial position has improved or deteriorated as a result of the year's activities.

The Statement of Cash Flows presents the change in the Light Plant's cash and cash equivalents during the year. This information can assist the user of this report in determining how the Light Plant financed its activities and how it met its cash requirements.

The Notes to Financial Statements provide additional information essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.

## FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE LIGHT PLANT

### *Statement of Net Position*

As noted earlier, net positions may serve, over time, as a useful indicator of the Light Plant's financial position. The Light Plant's net position for fiscal 2014 totaled approximately \$3,497,000. This compares to approximately \$3,370,000 for fiscal 2013. A summary of the Light Plant's net assets is presented below.

	<b>Net Assets</b>	
	Year Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Current Assets	\$ 1,241,329	\$ 718,401
Capital Assets	\$ 1,576,979	\$ 1,188,930
Non-Current Assets	\$ 733,488	\$ 1,528,502
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,551,796</b>	<b>\$ 3,435,833</b>
Current Liabilities	\$ 50,434	\$ 62,113
Non-Current Liabilities	\$ 4,420	\$ 3,364
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 54,854</b>	<b>\$ 65,477</b>
Net Position:		
Invested in Capital Assets, Net of Related Debt	\$ 1,576,979	\$ 1,188,930
Restricted	\$ 460,585	\$ 445,068
Unrestricted	\$ 1,459,378	\$ 1,736,358
<b>Total Net Position</b>	<b>\$ 3,496,942</b>	<b>\$ 3,370,356</b>

The Invested in Capital Assets (45.1% of the total) is land, buildings, equipment and a 0.17% ownership in the Neal #4 coal fired power plant, less the related debt portion of the asset. The Unrestricted Assets (51.5% of total) is what can be used to meet the Light Plant's obligations as they come due. The remaining Restricted Assets (13.2% of total) is the funds that are earmarked for certain projects and capital improvements and the \$360,000 that that was used to start the revolving loan fund account.

***Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position***

Operating revenues are derived from the retail sales of electricity to customers of the Light Plant and from a energy adjustment charge imposed upon the same customers. Additional operating revenues are from the sale of wholesale electricity to other electric utilities through NIMECA and some miscellaneous sales. Operating expenses are expenses paid in conjunction with the production and purchase of electricity for resale and to operate the Light Plant. Non-operating revenues and expenses are for interest income and interest expense, payments in lieu of taxes to the City of Graettinger and contributions to economic development and the grant received from the USDA to start the revolving loan fund. The utilization of capital assets is reflected in the financial statements as depreciation, which allocates the cost of an asset over its expected useful life. A summary of revenues, expenses and changes in net position for the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013 is presented below:

	<b>Changes in Net Position</b>	
	Year Ended June 30,	
	2014	2013
Operating Revenues:		
Electricity Sales, Retail to Light Plant Customers	\$ 756,444	\$ 686,450
Electricity Sales, Wholesale to Other Electric Utilities	\$ 285,244	\$ 311,292
Energy Adjustments Charged	\$ 126,620	\$ 52,233
Miscellaneous	\$ 52,839	\$ 66,694
<b>Total Operating Revenues</b>	<b>\$ 1,221,147</b>	<b>\$ 1,116,669</b>
Operating Expenses:		
Fuel and Generation	\$ 121,440	\$ 131,845
Operation & Maintenance, Labor, Supplies & Expense	\$ 71,625	\$ 45,564
Other Power Cost	\$ 78,501	\$ 73,834
Purchase Power	\$ 355,695	\$ 313,927
Plant Supplies And Expense	\$ 19,912	\$ 14,405
Line and Station Labor	\$ 82,306	\$ 97,049
Distribution Supplies and Expense	\$ 31,903	\$ 35,868
Truck Expense	\$ 4,518	\$ 18,474
Accounting and Collecting Salaries	\$ 33,505	\$ 28,413

Advertising	\$ 5,130	\$ 3,840
Donations	\$ 65	\$ 575
Employee's Benefits	\$ 58,591	\$ 66,935
Insurance	\$ 23,449	\$ 21,358
Memberships and Dues	\$ 14,112	\$ 14,022
Miscellaneous General Administrative	\$ 26,590	\$ 29,871
Office Supplies and Expense	\$ 14,895	\$ 12,434
Outside Services Employed	\$ 5,597	\$ 6,724
Property Taxes	\$ 7,726	\$ 6,977
Depreciation	\$ 122,566	\$ 106,926
<b>Total Operating Expenses</b>	<b>\$ 1,078,126</b>	<b>\$ 1,029,041</b>
<b>Total Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 143,021</b>	<b>\$ 87,628</b>
Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):		
Interest Income	\$ 5,417	\$ 9,816
Other Income	\$ 14,150	\$ 24,748
Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes	\$ (21,601)	\$ (19,946)
Economic Developments Contributions	\$ (14,401)	\$ (13,297)
<b>Net Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)</b>	<b>\$ (16,435)</b>	<b>\$ 1,321</b>
Change in Net Position	\$ 126,586	\$ 88,949
Net Position Beginning of Fiscal Year	\$ 3,370,356	\$ 3,281,407
Net Position at End of Fiscal Year	<b>\$ 3,496,942</b>	<b>\$ 3,370,356</b>

The Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position reflects gain for the year with an increase in the net assets of \$126,586 at the end of the fiscal 2013 year.

In fiscal 2014, operating revenues increased by \$104,478. Residential sales increased by \$41,931, Commercial sales increased by \$21,177, Industrial sales increased by \$5,183 and Public Authorities sales increased by \$1106. Energy Adjustment showed an increase in revenues of \$74,387. Sales for Resale revenues decreased \$26,048. The remainder of the increase in revenues was from Miscellaneous sales which decreased by \$13,855. Fiscal 2014 operating expenses increased by \$49,085, with our power production expense having the largest increase of \$62,091.

Total fiscal 2014 operating income increased by \$37,637 compared to a decrease of \$24,231 in fiscal 2013. Note this does not include the non-operating revenues (expenses).

Our non-operating revenues (expenses) shows a decrease of \$17,756 from fiscal 2013 to fiscal year 2014. The main difference is decrease in other income of \$10,598.

With the inclusion of the non-operating revenues and expenses to the total operating income, the Graettinger Municipal Light Plant showed a gain for fiscal year 2014 of \$126,586, compared to a gain of \$88,949 in fiscal 2013.

### *Statement of Cash Flows*

The Statement of Cash Flows presents information related to cash inflows and outflows, summarized by operating, capital and related financing and investing activities. Cash provided by operating activities includes electricity sales to customers and miscellaneous income reduced by payments made to suppliers and payments made to employees for services. Cash used from capital and related financing activities includes the purchase of capital assets, a refinancing fee and repayment of long-term debt and interest. Cash flows from investing activities includes the purchase and redemption of investments, transfers to and from restricted funds, payments received on notes and interest on investments.

### **CAPITAL ASSETS**

At June 30, 2014, the Light Plant had \$1,576,979 invested in capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation of \$2,789,941. Depreciation charges totaled \$122,566 for fiscal 2014. More detailed information about the Light Plant's capital assets is presented in Note 3 to the financial statements. During the fiscal year 2014, the Light Plant completed an emission control project

### **LONG-TERM DEBT**

At June 30, 2014 the Light Plant had no outstanding long term debts.

### **ECONOMIC FACTORS**

During fiscal 2014 the Graettinger Municipal Light Plant increased its financial assets by 3.7% or \$126,586 to a total asset value of \$3,496,942 compared to \$3,370,356 in fiscal 2013. The Board is reviewing their power sources with NIMECA and there could be a possibility of tariff fees being received in future years.

## **CONTACTING THE LIGHT PLANT'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT**

This financial report is designed to provide the citizens and taxpayers of Graettinger, Iowa, customers of the Graettinger Municipal Light Plant and creditors with a general overview of the Light Plant's finances and to show accountability for the money received and expended. If you have questions about this report or need additional information, contact Graettinger Municipal Light Plant, P.O. Box 178, Graettinger, Iowa 51342.

## **Basic Financial Statements**

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Exhibit A

Statements of Net Position

June 30, 2014 and 2013

<u>Assets</u>	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u> <u>Enterprise Fund</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
<b>Current Assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents- unrestricted	\$ 824,475	239,741
Cash and cash equivalents- restricted	4,070	38,047
Accounts receivable	98,601	99,276
Inventories	260,518	284,262
Prepaid expense	17,150	17,396
Interest receivable	515	3,679
Current portion of notes receivable	36,000	36,000
Total current assets	1,241,329	718,401
<b>Capital Assets:</b>		
Property and equipment	4,366,920	3,856,305
Less accumulated depreciation	(2,789,941)	(2,667,375)
Net capital assets	1,576,979	1,188,930
<b>Non Current Assets:</b>		
Investments- unrestricted	275,000	1,115,000
Investments- restricted	98,515	83,021
Notes receivable	358,000	324,000
Less current portion	(36,000)	(36,000)
Patronage dividends receivable	11,975	12,528
Emission allowances	25,998	29,953
Total non current assets	733,488	1,528,502
Total assets	\$ 3,551,796	3,435,833

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Exhibit A

Statements of Net Position

June 30, 2014 and 2013

Liabilities

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	
	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 27,008	37,595
Operating advance - Neal #4	2,360	4,276
Accrued taxes	9,326	9,151
Accrued vacation	3,901	4,369
Customer deposits	7,839	6,722
Total current liabilities	50,434	62,113
Non Current Liabilities:		
Net OPEB Liability	4,420	3,364
Total non current liabilities	4,420	3,364
Total liabilities	54,854	65,477

Net Position

Invested in capital assets net of related debt	1,576,979	1,188,930
Restricted	460,585	445,068
Unrestricted	1,459,378	1,736,358
Total net position	\$ 3,496,942	3,370,356

See notes to financial statements.

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Exhibit B

Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position

For the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

	<u>Proprietary Fund Type</u>	
	<u>Enterprise Fund</u>	
	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating revenues	\$ 1,221,147	1,116,669
Operating expenses:		
Power production	627,261	565,170
Plant	19,912	14,405
Distribution	118,727	151,391
Commercial	33,505	28,413
Administration	156,155	162,736
Depreciation	122,566	106,926
Total operating expenses	<u>1,078,126</u>	<u>1,029,041</u>
Operating income	<u>143,021</u>	<u>87,628</u>
Non-operating revenues (expenses):		
Interest income	5,417	9,816
Other income	14,150	24,748
Payments in lieu of property taxes	(21,601)	(19,946)
Economic development payments	(14,401)	(13,297)
Total non-operating revenues (expenses)	<u>(16,435)</u>	<u>1,321</u>
Change in net position	126,586	88,949
Net position beginning of year	<u>3,370,356</u>	<u>3,281,407</u>
Net position end of year	<u>\$ 3,496,942</u>	<u>3,370,356</u>

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Exhibit C

Statements of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Cash received from customers	\$ 1,221,822	1,111,124
Cash received from miscellaneous income	14,150	24,748
Cash paid to suppliers for goods and services	(857,961)	(845,700)
Cash paid to employees for services	<u>(116,279)</u>	<u>(125,606)</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>261,732</u>	<u>164,566</u>
Cash flows from capital and related financing activities:		
Proceeds from sale of fixed assets	13,332	-
Acquisition of property and equipment	<u>(523,948)</u>	<u>(335,663)</u>
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(510,616)</u>	<u>(335,663)</u>
Cash flows from investing activities:		
(Increase) decrease in patronage dividends	553	4
Investments purchased	-	(21,000)
Investments redeemed	840,000	150,000
Transfers to restricted investments	(43,675)	(21,025)
Transfers from restricted investments	28,182	16,353
Interest on investments	8,581	9,182
Payments received on development loans	36,000	36,000
Disbursements made on development loans	<u>(70,000)</u>	<u>-</u>
Net cash provided by (used by) investing activities	<u>799,641</u>	<u>169,514</u>
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	550,757	(1,583)
Cash and cash equivalents - beginning of year	<u>277,788</u>	<u>279,371</u>
Cash and cash equivalents - end of year	<u>\$ 828,545</u>	<u>277,788</u>

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Exhibit C

Statements of Cash Flows

For the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

**Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:**

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating income	\$ 143,021	87,628
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Other revenue (expense) - net	(21,852)	(8,495)
Depreciation	122,566	106,926
Increase in net OPEB liability	1,056	1,205
Emission allowances utilized	3,955	1,185
(Increase) decrease in current assets:		
Accounts receivable	675	(5,545)
Inventories	23,744	(29,727)
Prepaid insurance	246	(2,456)
Increase (decrease) in current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	(10,587)	12,938
Operating advance - Neal #4	(1,916)	2,231
Accrued taxes	175	(890)
Accrued vacation	(468)	(144)
Customer deposits	1,117	(290)
Total adjustments	<u>118,711</u>	<u>76,938</u>
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>\$ 261,732</u>	<u>164,566</u>

**Reconciliation of cash and cash equivalents at year end to the specific assets included on the Statement of Net Assets:**

Current assets:

Cash and cash equivalents - unrestricted	824,475	239,741
Cash and cash equivalents - restricted	4,070	38,047
Total cash and cash equivalents	<u>\$ 828,545</u>	<u>277,788</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Notes to Financial Statements

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**(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

Graettinger Municipal Light Plant (Light Plant) provides electric utility services on a user charge basis to the general public within Graettinger, Iowa.

The Light Plant's financial statements are prepared in conformity with U.S. generally accepted principles as prescribed by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board.

**A. Reporting Entity**

The Graettinger Municipal Light Plant is legally separate, but is financially accountable to the City of Graettinger and is managed by a three member board of directors. The Light Plant is considered to be a component unit of the City of Graettinger in accordance with U.S. governmental accounting standards.

For financial reporting purposes, the Light Plant has included all funds, organizations, agencies, boards, commissions and authorities. The Light Plant has also considered all potential component units for which it is financially accountable and other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the Light Plant are such that exclusion would cause the Light Plant's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. These criteria include appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body and (1) the ability of the Light Plant to impose its will on that organization or (2) the potential for the organization to provide specific benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the Light Plant. Graettinger Municipal Light Plant has no component units which meet the Governmental Accounting Standards Board criteria.

**B. Basis of Presentation**

The accounts of Graettinger Municipal Light Plant are organized as an Enterprise Fund. Enterprise Funds are used to account for operations (a) financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises, where the intent of the governing body

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is the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges or (b) where the governing body has decided periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability or other purposes.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are reported using the economic resources measurement focus and the accrual basis of accounting. Revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded when a liability is incurred, regardless of the timing of related cash flows. Grants and similar items are recognized as revenue as soon as all eligibility requirements imposed by the provider have been met.

The Light Plant distinguishes 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 Light Plant's principal ongoing operations. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. Assets, Liabilities and Net Position

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the Statement of Net Position:

Cash, Investments and Cash Equivalents – The Light Plant considers all short-term investments that are highly liquid to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and, at the day of purchase have a maturity date no longer than three months. Cash investments not meeting the definition of cash equivalents at June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013 include certificates of deposit of \$275,000 and \$1,115,000, respectively.

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Accounts Receivable – The Light Plant charges uncollectible receivables against income and does not maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts. At each year-end, those accounts deemed to be worthless are written off. The use of the direct write-off method is not materially different from the reserve method.

Inventories – Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market on a first-in, first-out (FIFO) basis.

Investments – Investments are stated at fair value except for non-negotiable certificates of deposit which are stated at cost.

Restricted Assets – The Light Plant has restricted assets set aside for economic development loans and for improvements in accordance with their agreements with the USDA and North Iowa Municipal Electric Cooperative (NIMECA), respectively.

Capital Assets – Capital assets are accounted for at historical cost. Depreciation of all exhaustible capital assets is charged as an expense against operations. The cost of repair and maintenance is charged to expense, while the cost of renewals or substantial betterments is capitalized. The cost and accumulated depreciation of assets disposed of are deleted, with any gain or loss recorded in current operations.

Reportable capital assets are defined by the Light Plant as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of the following thresholds and estimated useful lives in excess of three years.

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Buildings and improvements	\$ 2,500
Neal #4 plant	2,500
Engines and other plant equipment	500
Distribution system	2,500
Vehicles	1,000
Office equipment	500

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Capital assets of the Light Plant are depreciated using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

<u>Asset Class</u>	<u>Estimated Useful Lives (in years)</u>
Buildings and improvements	15-40
Neal #4 plant	25
Engines and other plant equipment	7-25
Distribution system	10-20
Vehicles	5-10
Office equipment	3-10

Interest is capitalized on qualified assets acquired with certain tax-exempt debt. The amount of interest to be capitalized is calculated by offsetting interest expense incurred from the date of the borrowing until completion of the project with interest earned on invested proceeds over the same period. There were no qualifying assets acquired during the year ended June 30, 2014.

Emission Allowances – The Light Plant is amortizing emission allowances when utilized.

Compensated Absences – Light Plant employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. The Light Plant's liability for accumulated vacation has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at June 30, 2014.

Net Position – Net position represent the difference between assets and liabilities in the financial statements. Net position is reported in the following categories:

*Invested in capital assets, net of related debt* consists of capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and reduced by outstanding balances for bonds, notes and other debt attributable to the acquisition, construction or improvement of those assets.

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*Restricted net position* result when constraints placed on asset use are either externally or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation.

*Unrestricted net position* consists of net position not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net assets often have constraints on resources imposed by management which can be removed or modified.

Estimates – The presentation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosures 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.

**(2) Cash, Cash Equivalents and Investments**

The Light Plant's deposits in banks at June 30, 2014 and 2013 were entirely covered by federal depository insurance or by the State Sinking Fund in accordance with Chapter 12C of the Code of Iowa. This chapter provides for additional assessments against depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Light Plant is authorized by statute to invest public funds in obligations of the United States government, its agencies and instrumentalities; certificates of deposit or other evidences of deposit at federally insured depository institutions approved by the Light Plant; prime eligible bankers acceptances; certain high rated commercial paper; perfected repurchase agreements; certain registered open-end management investment companies; certain joint investment trusts; and warrants or improvement certificates of a drainage district.

The Light Plant had no investments meeting the disclosure requirements of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 3, as amended by Statement No. 40.

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**(3) Capital Assets**

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2014 is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 22,664	---	---	22,664
Construction in progress	<u>13,333</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>13,333</u>	<u>---</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>35,997</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>13,333</u>	<u>22,664</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	199,292	---	---	199,292
Neal #4 plant	1,081,913	231,535	---	1,313,448
Engines and other plant equipment	1,208,825	242,849	---	1,451,674
Distribution system	1,240,112	49,564	---	1,289,676
Vehicles	70,748	---	---	70,748
Office equipment	<u>19,418</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>19,418</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,820,308</u>	<u>523,948</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>4,344,256</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Buildings and improvements	146,689	2,187	---	148,876
Neal #4 plant	597,070	38,534	---	635,604
Engines and other plant equipment	913,557	49,763	---	963,320
Distribution system	927,254	28,005	---	955,259
Vehicles	69,809	867	---	70,676
Office equipment	<u>12,996</u>	<u>3,210</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>16,206</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,667,375</u>	<u>122,566</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>2,789,941</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>1,152,933</u>	<u>401,382</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>1,554,315</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 1,188,930</u>	<u>401,382</u>	<u>13,333</u>	<u>1,576,979</u>

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**(3) Capital Assets (continued)**

A summary of capital assets at June 30, 2013 is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year
Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:				
Land	\$ 22,664	---	---	22,664
Construction in progress	<u>---</u>	<u>13,333</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>13,333</u>
Total capital assets not being depreciated	<u>22,664</u>	<u>13,333</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>35,997</u>
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Buildings and improvements	196,742	2,550	---	199,292
Neal #4 plant	796,405	285,508	---	1,081,913
Engines and other plant equipment	1,208,825	---	---	1,208,825
Distribution system	1,210,655	29,457	---	1,240,112
Vehicles	70,748	---	---	70,748
Office equipment	<u>14,603</u>	<u>4,815</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>19,418</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated	<u>3,497,978</u>	<u>322,330</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>3,820,308</u>
Less Accumulated Depreciation For:				
Buildings and improvements	144,021	2,668	---	146,689
Neal #4 plant	568,688	28,382	---	597,070
Engines and other plant equipment	867,623	45,932	---	916,557
Distribution system	900,453	26,801	---	927,254
Vehicles	68,942	867	---	69,809
Office equipment	<u>10,722</u>	<u>2,274</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>12,996</u>
Total accumulated depreciation	<u>2,560,449</u>	<u>106,926</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>2,667,375</u>
Total capital assets being depreciated, net	<u>937,529</u>	<u>215,404</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>1,152,933</u>
Total capital assets, net	<u>\$ 960,193</u>	<u>228,737</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>1,188,930</u>

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**(4) Notes Receivable**

Notes receivable at June 30, 2014 and 2013 consist of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Graettinger Terrill Community School District, note receivable in ten annual payments of \$36,000 beginning September 2, 2012, with no interest charged. This loan was made in association with the Federal Grant Agreement for rural economic development.	\$ 288,000	324,000
Graettinger Economic Development Council, note receivable in one payment on 02/01/2019 with .5% interest	<u>70,000</u>	<u>---</u>
Total notes receivable	<u>\$ 358,000</u>	<u>324,000</u>

**(5) Restricted Funds**

The Light Plant has the following amounts restricted for the following purposes as of June 30, 2014 and 2013:

Economic Development Loans	\$ 362,070	362,047
Improvements	<u>98,515</u>	<u>83,021</u>
Total restricted funds	<u>\$ 440,585</u>	<u>445,068</u>

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**(6) Changes in Long-Term Liabilities**

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2014 is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year	Due Within One Year
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 3,364	1,056	---	4,420	---

A summary of changes in long-term liabilities for the year ended June 30, 2013 is as follows:

	Balance Beginning of Year	Increases	Decreases	Balance End of Year	Due Within One Year
Net OPEB Liability	\$ 2,159	1,205	---	3,364	---

**(7) Pension and Retirement Benefits**

The Light Plant contributes to the Iowa Public Employees Retirement System (IPERS) which is a cost-sharing multiple-employer defined benefit pension plan administered by the State of Iowa. IPERS provides retirement and death benefits established by state statute to plan members and beneficiaries. IPERS issues a publicly available financial report that includes financial statements and required supplementary information. The report may be obtained by writing to IPERS, P.O. Box 9117, Des Moines, Iowa 50306-9117.

Plan members are required to contribute 5.95% of their annual covered salary and the Light Plant is required to contribute 8.93% of annual covered payroll for the years ended June 30, 2014. The contribution rates were 5.78% and 8.67% respectively for the year ended June 30, 2013. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The Light Plant's contribution to IPERS for the years ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013 were \$10,087 and \$10,914 respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

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**(8) Other Postemployment Benefits (OPEB)**

Plan Description – The Light Plant operates a single-employer retiree benefit plan which provides medical/prescription drug benefits for retirees and their spouses. There are 3 active and no retired members in the plan. Participants must be age 55 or older at retirement.

The medical/prescription drug benefits are provided through a fully-insured plan with Wellmark. Retirees under age 65 pay the same premium for the medical/prescription drug benefit as active employees, which results in an implicit rate subsidy and an OPEB liability.

Funding Policy – The contribution requirements of plan members are established and may be amended by the Light Plant. The Light Plant currently finances the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation – The Light Plant’s annual OPEB cost is calculated based on the annual required contribution (ARC) of the Light Plant, an amount actuarially determined in accordance with GASB Statement No. 45. The ARC represents a level of funding which, 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 Light Plant’s annual OPEB cost for the year ended June 30, 2014, the amount actually contributed to the plan and changes in the Light Plant’s net OPEB obligation:

Annual required contribution	\$ 1,129
Interest on net OPEB obligation	84
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(157)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	1,056
Contributions made	<u>---</u>
Increase in net OPEB obligation	1,056
Net OPEB obligation beginning of year	<u>3,364</u>
Net OPEB obligation end of year	\$ <u>4,420</u>

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For calculation of the net OPEB obligation, the actuary has set the transition day as July 1, 2010. The end of year net OPEB obligation was calculated using the frozen entry age actuarial cost method by the actuary as the cumulative difference between the actuarially determined funding requirements and the actual contributions for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013.

For the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, the Light Plant contributed \$0 to the medical plan. Plan members eligible for benefits contributed \$0, or 0% of the premium costs.

The Light Plant's annual OPEB cost, the percentage of annual OPEB cost contributed to the Plan and the net OPEB obligation as of June 30, 2014 and 2013 are summarized as follows:

Year Ended <u>June 30,</u>	Annual <u>OPEB Cost</u>	Percentage of Annual OPEB <u>Cost Contributed</u>	Net OPEB <u>Obligation</u>
2014	\$1,056	0%	\$4,420
2013	1,205	0 %	3,364
2012	1,123	0 %	2,159
2011	1,036	0 %	1,036

Funded Status and Funding Progress – As of July 1, 2013, the most recent actuarial valuation date for the period July 1, 2013 through June 30, 2014, the actuarial accrued liability was \$11,099, with no actuarial value of assets, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$11,099. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was approximately \$116,000 and the ratio of the UAAL to covered payroll was 9.4%. As of June 30, 2013, there were no trust fund assets.

As of July 1, 2010, the most recent actuarial valuation date for the period July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013, the actuarial accrued liability was \$9,303, with no actuarial value of assets, resulting in an unfunded actuarial accrued liability (UAAL) of \$9,303. The covered payroll (annual payroll of active employees covered by the plan) was approximately \$151,000 and the ratio of the UAAL to covered payroll was 7.4%. As of June 30, 2013, there were no trust fund assets.

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Actuarial Methods and Assumptions – Actuarial valuations of an ongoing plan involve estimates of the value of reported amounts and assumptions about the probability of occurrence of events far into the future. Examples include assumption about future employment, mortality and the health care cost trend. Actuarially determined amounts are subject to continual revision as actual results are compared with past expectations and new estimates are made about the future. The Schedule of Funding Progress, presented as Required Supplementary Information in the section following the Notes to Financial Statements, presents multiyear trend information about whether the actuarial value of plan assets is increasing or decreasing over time relative to the actuarial accrued liabilities for benefits.

Projections of benefits for financial reporting purposes are based on the plan as understood by the employer and the plan members and includes the types of benefits provided at the time of each valuation and the historical pattern of sharing of benefit costs between the 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 calculations.

As of the July 1, 2013 actuarial valuation date, the unit credit actuarial cost method was used. The actuarial assumptions include a 2.5% discount rate based on the Light Plant's funding policy. The projected annual medical trend rate is 6%.

Mortality rates are from the 94 Group Annuity Mortality Table, applied on a gender-specific basis. Annual retirement was assumed to be 80% by all groups. There was no assumed turnover rate.

Spousal coverage was based on actual data and husbands are assumed to be three years older than wives. Retirees pay for 100% of the premium and contributions are assumed to increase according to health care trend rates. All employees are assumed to elect the plan they are currently enrolled in at retirement.

Projected claim costs of the medical plan are \$541 or \$1,352 per month for retirees less than age 65 and the same for retirees who have attained age 65. The UAAL is being amortized to fund the value over 30 years, and is not related to salary levels.

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**(9) Payments in Lieu of Property Taxes**

Pursuant to a policy statement adopted on April 9, 1986, the Light Plant is obligated to make voluntary payments in lieu of property taxes to the City of Graettinger. Annual payments are the greater of 7% of net income or \$5,000. This policy was amended June 9, 1999 where the Light Plant is obligated to pay a franchise fee of 1.5 mills per KWH of sales per year. This policy was amended November 16, 2011 to pay a franchise fee of 2.25 mills per KWH of sales per year.

Payments made in the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$21,601 and \$19,946 respectively.

**(10) Economic Development Payments**

Pursuant to a policy statement adopted on May 8, 1991, the Light Plant is obligated to pay annually 5% of net income to the Graettinger Development Council (an economic development association). This policy was amended December 13, 2002, where the Light Plant is obligated to pay a franchise fee of 1.5 mills per KWH of sales per year. Payments to satisfy this policy in the fiscal years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 totaled \$14,401 and \$13,297 respectively.

**(11) Risk Management**

The Light Plant is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft, damage to and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. These risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Light plant assumes liability for any deductibles and claims in excess of coverage limitations. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage in any of the past three fiscal years.

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**(12) Subsequent Events**

The Light Plant has evaluated subsequent events through February 5, 2015, the date the financial statements were available to be delivered. The Light Plant has guaranteed a debt of \$180,000 for the Graettinger Economic Development Council. In the event of nonpayment or nonperformance, the Light Plant promised to make all payments required towards this debt.

**(13) Prospective Accounting Change**

The Governmental Accounting Standards Board has issued Statement No. 68, Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions – an Amendment of GASB No. 27. This statement will be implemented for the year ending June 30, 2015. The revised requirements establish new financial reporting requirements for state and local governments which provide their employees with pension benefits, including additional note disclosures and required supplementary information. In addition, the Statement of Net Position is expected to include a significant liability for the Light Plant's proportionate share of the employee pension plan.

**Required Supplementary Information**

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Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues and Expenses

Required Supplementary Information

	Proprietary Fund Type			Final to Actual Variance
	Enterprise Fund			
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budgeted Amounts</u>		
		<u>Original</u>	<u>Final</u>	
<b><u>For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014</u></b>				
Revenues:				
Use of money and property	\$ 5,417	10,000	10,000	(4,583)
Charges for service	1,221,147	1,273,500	1,273,500	(52,353)
Miscellaneous	14,150	18,000	18,000	(3,850)
Total revenues	<u>1,240,714</u>	<u>1,301,500</u>	<u>1,301,500</u>	<u>(60,786)</u>
Expenses:				
Business type activities	<u>1,114,128</u>	<u>1,209,000</u>	<u>1,209,000</u>	<u>94,872</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,114,128</u>	<u>1,209,000</u>	<u>1,209,000</u>	<u>94,872</u>
Change in net position	126,586	92,500	92,500	34,086
Balances beginning of year	<u>3,370,356</u>	<u>3,370,356</u>	<u>3,370,356</u>	<u>-</u>
Balances end of year	<u>\$ 3,496,942</u>	<u>3,462,856</u>	<u>3,462,856</u>	<u>34,086</u>

**For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2013**

Revenues:				
Use of money and property	\$ 9,816	30,000	30,000	(20,184)
Charges for service	1,116,669	1,223,500	1,223,500	(106,831)
Miscellaneous	24,748	25,000	25,000	(252)
Total revenues	<u>1,151,233</u>	<u>1,278,500</u>	<u>1,278,500</u>	<u>(127,267)</u>
Expenses:				
Business type activities	<u>1,062,284</u>	<u>1,182,550</u>	<u>1,182,550</u>	<u>120,266</u>
Total expenses	<u>1,062,284</u>	<u>1,182,550</u>	<u>1,182,550</u>	<u>120,266</u>
Change in net position	88,949	95,950	95,950	(7,001)
Balances beginning of year	<u>3,281,407</u>	<u>3,281,407</u>	<u>3,281,407</u>	<u>-</u>
Balances end of year	<u>\$ 3,370,356</u>	<u>3,377,357</u>	<u>3,377,357</u>	<u>(7,001)</u>
See accompanying independent auditor's report.				

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Notes to Required Supplementary Information –  
Budgetary Reporting

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In accordance with Code of Iowa, the Light Plant annually adopts a budget following required public notice and hearing. The budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. The Light Plant budgets on a GAAP basis and is included in the City of Graettinger's published budget.

Formal and legal budgetary control is based upon nine major classes of disbursements, known as functions, not by fund. These functions are public safety, public works, health and social services, culture and recreation, community and economic development, general government, debt service, capital projects and business type activities. All Light Plant disbursements are included in business type activities.

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Schedule of Funding Progress for the  
Retiree Health Plan

Required Supplementary Information

Year Ended <u>30-Jun</u>	Actuarial Valuation <u>Date</u>	Actuarial Value of Assets <u>( a )</u>	Actuarial Accrued Liability (AAL) <u>( b )</u>	Unfunded AAL (UAAL) <u>(b - a)</u>	Funded Ratio <u>(a/b)</u>	Covered Payroll <u>( c )</u>	UAAL as a Percentage of Covered Payroll <u>((b - a) / c)</u>
2011	July 1, 2010	-	\$ 8,828	\$ 8,828	0%	\$ 117,081	7.50%
2012	July 1, 2010	-	\$ 10,152	\$ 10,152	0%	\$ 120,766	8.40%
2013	July 1, 2010	-	\$ 9,303	\$ 9,303	0%	\$ 125,462	7.40%
2014	July 1, 2013	-	\$ 11,099	\$ 11,099	0%	\$ 116,221	9.40%

See Note 8 in the accompanying Notes to Financial Statements for the plan description, funding policy, annual OPEB cost, net OPEB obligation, funded status and funding progress.

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

## **Supplementary Information**

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Schedule 1

Schedules of Operating Revenues

For the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Operating revenues:		
Utility sales:		
Residential	\$ 417,485	375,554
Commercial	119,911	98,137
Industrial	202,555	197,372
Public authorities	16,493	15,387
For resale	285,244	311,292
Energy adjustment	126,620	52,233
	<u>1,168,308</u>	<u>1,049,975</u>
Other:		
Miscellaneous	<u>52,839</u>	<u>66,694</u>
Total operating revenues	<u>\$ 1,221,147</u>	<u>1,116,669</u>

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Schedule 2

Schedules of Operating Expenses

For the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Power production expense:		
Fuel and generation	\$ 121,440	131,845
Operation and maintenance, labor, supplies, and expense	71,625	45,564
Other power costs	78,501	73,834
Purchased power	<u>355,695</u>	<u>313,927</u>
Total power production expense	<u><u>627,261</u></u>	<u><u>565,170</u></u>
Plant expense:		
Supplies and expense	<u>19,912</u>	<u>14,405</u>
Total plant expense	<u><u>19,912</u></u>	<u><u>14,405</u></u>
Distribution expense:		
Line and station labor	82,306	97,049
Line rents	8,722	8,704
Supplies and expense	23,181	27,164
Truck expense	<u>4,518</u>	<u>18,474</u>
Total distribution expense	<u><u>118,727</u></u>	<u><u>151,391</u></u>
Commercial expense:		
Accounting and collecting salaries	<u>33,505</u>	<u>28,413</u>
Total commercial expense	<u><u>33,505</u></u>	<u><u>28,413</u></u>
Administrative expense:		
Advertising	5,130	3,840
Donations	65	575
Employees' benefits	58,591	66,935
Insurance	23,449	21,358

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Schedules of Operating Expenses

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	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Administrative expense (continued):		
Membership and dues	14,112	14,022
Miscellaneous general	26,590	29,871
Office supplies and expense	14,895	12,434
Outside services employed	5,597	6,724
Property taxes	7,726	6,977
Total administrative expense	<u>156,155</u>	<u>162,736</u>
Depreciation expense	<u>122,566</u>	<u>106,926</u>
Total operating expenses	<u>\$ 1,078,126</u>	<u>1,029,041</u>

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Schedule 3

Schedule of Insurance Coverage

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<u>Company</u>	<u>Coverage</u>	<u>Limit</u>	<u>Effective</u>
Employers Mutual	Worker's Comp	\$ 500,000	4/1/14-3/31/15
	General Liability	Aggregate	2,000,000
		Products Liability	2,000,000
		Personal Liability	1,000,000
	Automobile	Liability	1,000,000
		Uninsured Motorist	50,000
		Underinsured Motorist	50,000
	Umbrella Liability		3,000,000
	Crime	Employee Theft	50,000
		Forgery	10,000
	Property	Facilities and Contents	5,550,486
	Inland Marine	Equipment-Catastrophe	Scheduled
	Linebacker		1,000,000

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Schedule 4

Schedules of Kilowatt Hours

For the Fiscal Years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>		<u>2013</u>	
	<u>Kilowatt Hours</u>	<u>Percent</u>	<u>Kilowatt Hours</u>	<u>Percent</u>
KWH Metered:				
Residential	5,493,314	49.99	5,395,936	51.19
Commercial	1,318,617	12.00	1,282,091	12.16
Industrial	2,772,582	25.23	2,719,877	25.80
Public authorities	213,397	1.94	202,485	1.92
	<u>9,797,910</u>	<u>89.16</u>	<u>9,600,389</u>	<u>91.07</u>
KWH Consumed:				
Used in operations	393,220	3.58	346,832	3.29
Distribution system loss	583,725	5.31	392,307	3.72
Transmission losses	214,812	1.95	201,761	1.92
	<u>10,989,667</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>10,541,289</u>	<u>100.00</u>

See accompanying independent auditor's report.

**Independent Auditor's Report on  
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and on Compliance and Other Matters  
Based on an Audit of Financial Statements  
Performed in Accordance with  
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To the Board of Directors of the Graettinger  
Municipal Light Plant:

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 Graettinger Municipal Light Plant, a component unit of the City of Graettinger, Iowa, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2014 and June 30, 2013, and the related notes to the financial statements and have issued our report thereon dated February 5, 2015.

### **Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Graettinger Municipal Light Plant'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 opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of Graettinger Municipal Light Plant's internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Graettinger Municipal Light Plant's internal control.

Our consideration of internal control was for the limited purpose described in the preceding paragraph and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control that might be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies and therefore, material weaknesses or significant deficiencies may exist that were not identified. However, as described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings, we identified certain deficiencies in internal control over that we consider to be material weaknesses and significant deficiencies.

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 a material misstatement of Graettinger Municipal's Light Plant's financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item I-A-14 to be a material weakness.

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. We consider the deficiency described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings as item I-B-14 to be a significant deficiency.

### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Graettinger Municipal Light Plant's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements, non-compliance 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 required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Light Plant's operations for the year ended June 30, 2014 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements that might have had an impact on the comments were necessarily audited. The comments involving statutory and other legal matters are not intended to constitute legal interpretations of the statutes.

### **Graettinger Municipal Light Plant's Response to Findings**

Graettinger Municipal Light Plant's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings. The Light Plant's responses were not subject to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and, accordingly, we express no opinion on them.

## **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 Light Plant'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 Light Plant's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

We would like to acknowledge the many courtesies and assistance extended to us by personnel of Graettinger Municipal Light Plant during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning any of the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.

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February 5, 2015

Graettinger Municipal Light Plant  
A Component Unit of the City of Graettinger

Schedule of Findings

For the Fiscal Year ended June 30, 2014

**Findings Related to the Financial Statements:**

**INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:**

No matters were reported.

**SIGNIFICANT DEFICIENCIES:**

I-A-14 Segregation of Duties – During our review of internal control, the existing procedures are evaluated in order to determine that incompatible duties, from a control standpoint, are not performed by the same employee. This segregation of duties helps to prevent loss from employee error or dishonesty and therefore maximizes the accuracy of the Light Plant’s financial statements. We noted that one employee handles almost all of the financial duties, including reconciling accounts and recording financial data.

Recommendation – We realize that with a limited number of office employees, segregation of duties is difficult. Therefore, we recommend the board maintain its diligence in the review of the financial records.

Response – We will continue our review.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

I-B-14 Preparation of Financial Statements, Including Disclosures to Financial Statements - Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining internal controls over financial reporting and procedures related to the fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the cash basis of accounting. Graettinger Municipal Light Plant does not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements, including the accompanying footnotes, as required by generally accepted accounting principles. The guidance in Statement of Auditing Standards No. 115, Communicating Internal Control Related Matters Identified in an Audit, requires us to communicate this matter with those charged with governance.

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As auditors, we were requested to draft the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements. Outsourcing of these services is not unusual in an organization of your size.

Recommendation – We realize that obtaining the expertise to prepare the financial statements, including all necessary disclosures, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principals can be considered costly and ineffective. However, it is the responsibility of the Light Plant’s management and those charged with governance to make the decision whether to accept the degree of risk associated with this condition because of cost or other considerations.

Response – Management feels that committing the resources necessary to remain current on GAAP and GASB reporting requirements and corresponding footnote disclosures would lack benefit in relation to the cost, but will continue evaluating on a gong forward basis.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

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**Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:**

- (1) Certified Budget – Disbursements for the year ended June 30, 2014 did not exceed amounts budgeted.
- (2) Questionable Expenses – No expenses were noted that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General’s opinion dated April 25, 1979 were noted.
- (3) Travel Expense – No expenditures of money for travel expenses of spouses of Light Plant officials or employees were noted.
- (4) Business Transactions – The City of Graettinger has included the Light Plant in the commercial insurance package purchased from the agency of Lloyd Peterson, Chairman of the Light Plant Board. The City bills the Light Plant for their portion of the premiums paid. The Light Plant’s premium paid for this coverage was \$22,867 and \$22,594 for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

This does not appear to be a conflict of interest as insurance is a service and falls outside the items that are normally bid on.

The Light Plant designated Graettinger Times as their designated newspaper. The Graettinger Times is owned by Scott Tonderum, manager of the Light Plant and his wife. This does not appear to represent a conflict of interest as a resolution was passed naming the Graettinger Times as it’s official newspaper.

The Light Plant paid \$1,124 and \$3,835 to the Graettinger Times for the years ended June 30, 2014 and 2013 respectively.

- (5) Bond Coverage – Surety bond coverage of Light Plant officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage is reviewed annually to insure that coverage is adequate for current operations.

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- (6) Board Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the minutes but were not.
- (7) Deposits and Investments – No instances of non-compliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Light Plant's investment policy were noted.