

**INDEPENDENCE LIGHT AND POWER,
TELECOMMUNICATIONS**

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

DECEMBER 31, 2014 AND 2013

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INDEPENDENCE LIGHT AND POWER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS
Officials

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City Officials

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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Trustees
Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications
Independence, Iowa 50644

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the business type activities of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications (a municipal utility), a component unit of the City of Independence, Iowa, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the Utility's basic financial statements 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 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 audit 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 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 Utility'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 Utility'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.

Opinions

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the business type activities of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the respective changes in financial position and, where applicable, its cash flows thereof for the year then ended in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

U.S. generally accepted accounting principles require Management's Discussion and Analysis, and the Budgetary Comparison Information on pages 6 through 17 and 36 through 37 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 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.

Supplementary Information

Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming opinions on the financial statements that collectively comprise Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' basic financial statements. We previously audited, in accordance with the standards referred to in the third paragraph of this report, the financial statements for the eight years ended December 31, 2012 (which are not presented herein) and expressed unqualified opinions on those financial statements. The supplementary information included in Schedules 1 through 5, including the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards required by U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements.

The supplementary information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates 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 U.S. generally accepted auditing standards. In our opinion, the supplementary information is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued our report dated July 22, 2015 on our consideration of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' 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 Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control over financial reporting and compliance.

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July 22, 2015

MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications (the Utility) provides this Management's Discussion and Analysis of its annual financial statements. This narrative overview and analysis of the financial activities is for the year ended December 31, 2014. The Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications provides electrical, cable, internet, and telephone services to the citizens of the City of Independence (the City) and is a component unit of the City. We encourage readers to consider this information in conjunction with the Utility's financial statements, which follow.

2014 FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Revenues of the Utility for 2014 were \$11,700,209. This is an increase over revenues in 2013 of 1.91%.
- Disbursements for 2014 totaled \$11,035,315. This is a decrease of approximately 9.40% from 2013.

USING THIS ANNUAL REPORT

The annual report consists of a series of financial statements and other information as follows:

- Management's Discussion and Analysis – This introduces the basic financial statements and provides an analytical overview of the Utility's financial activities.
- The Basic Financial Statements – These consist of the Statement of Net Position, Statement of Revenues and Expenses and Changes in Net Position, Statement of Cash Flows, and Notes to the Financial Statements. The previously mentioned financial statements provide information about the activities of the Utility as a whole and present an overall view of the Utility's finances. The notes to the financial statements provide additional information that is essential to a full understanding of the data provided in the basic financial statements.
- Supplemental Information – This provides additional information about the Utility's financial activities in addition to the basic financial statements.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The Utility maintains its financial records on the accrual basis of accounting which is in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. The accounting records are maintained in accordance with the uniform system of accounts prescribed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE UTILITY

Net Position may serve over time as a useful indicator of financial position. The Utility's Net Position, including any prior period adjustment, increased by \$664,894 from 2013 to 2014.

Assets, Liabilities, and Net Assets

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Assets		
Current Assets	\$ 4,350,607	4,997,913
Capital Assets:		
Capital Assets	20,788,607	20,925,624
Less: Accumulated depreciation	<u>(12,885,149)</u>	<u>(12,713,184)</u>
Total Capital Assets	7,903,458	8,212,440
Board Designated Funds	3,782,057	4,362,260
Other Assets	<u>2,856,418</u>	<u>952,616</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 18,892,540</u>	<u>\$18,525,229</u>
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities	\$ 1,962,051	\$ 1,919,298
Other Liabilities:		
Accrued retirement insurance	345,903	390,792
Note payable – BankIowa	-	-
Note Payable – USDA Revolving Loan Fund	300,000	300,000
Note Payable – USDA RED Loan Fund	2,496,449	583,892
Less: Current portion	(270,776)	(70,776)
Electric revenue project note payable	293,354	2,532,135
Less: Current portion of long-term debt	<u>(293,354)</u>	<u>(524,130)</u>
Total Other Liabilities	<u>2,871,576</u>	<u>3,211,913</u>
Total Liabilities	4,833,627	5,131,211
Net Assets	<u>14,058,912</u>	<u>13,394,018</u>
Total Liabilities and Net Assets	<u>\$ 18,892,540</u>	<u>\$ 18,525,229</u>

Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Assets

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Revenues:		
Sales to Customers	\$11,441,173	\$11,303,939
Miscellaneous Operating Revenue	84,978	69,804
Interest Income	43,039	48,271
Miscellaneous Revenue	131,019	59,117
Gain on Disposal of Assets	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Total Revenue	<u>11,700,209</u>	<u>11,481,131</u>
Expenses:		
Generation Expenses	134,973	259,597

Purchased power & transmission expenses	6,209,150	5,681,206
Distribution Expenses	372,080	473,347
Customer Accounts Expense	101,752	120,586
Administration and General Expense	1,169,466	1,250,048
Cable and Internet Expenses	1,779,970	1,652,067
Depreciation and Amortization	895,199	960,578
Benefits to Community and City	237,869	285,041
Interest Expense	41,588	77,939
Loss on Disposal of Assets	<u>93,268</u>	<u>1,419,406</u>
Total Expenses	<u>11,035,315</u>	<u>12,179,815</u>
Changes in Net Position	664,894	(698,684)
Net Position at Beginning of Year	<u>13,394,018</u>	<u>14,092,702</u>
<i>Prior period adjustment</i>	-	-
<i>Net Position at End of Year</i>	<u>\$ 14,058,912</u>	<u>\$ 13,394,018</u>

BUDGETARY HIGHLIGHTS

The Utility prepared and adopted the annual budget on December 2, 2013, which designated the amounts necessary for the improvement and maintenance of the Utility. The Utility did exceed its budgeted expenditures for the year ended December 31, 2014.

DEBT ADMINISTRATION

At December 31, 2014, the Utility had long-term debt in the amount of \$293,354. During 2014, the Utility repaid \$2,238,781 of long-term debt.

BACKGROUND OF INDEPENDENCE LIGHT AND POWER, TELECOMMUNICATIONS

In 1893, the citizens of Independence voted by a 572 majority to build a municipal light plant. This building was located where Veterans Park is today. The flood of 1947 caused damage to the plant so they decided to move to a better location. In 1948, construction began on a new building at the present site. At that time the Mayor and City Council governed the Light Plant. In 1961 the City voted to have the Light Plant governed by a board of trustees.

During the construction of this building, two new Superior 1000kw generators were installed. These generators are still in use today. After these generators became operational they moved two Worthington generators from the old plant. These units have since been removed to make room for new Caterpillar generators.

As the City grew the demand for electricity also grew, so additional generation had to be added. In 1957, a twenty-foot addition was added to the west side of the building to make room for the installation of a 2500kw Worthington generator. In 1964, another addition was added to the west allowing space for two additional generators. At this time a 3200kw Worthington generator was installed. In 1973, a 6250kw Worthington generator was installed and a new Control Room was added to the south side of the building.

In 1975, the interconnection with Interstate Power Company was installed. This meant that the plant went to a standby status and power was purchased from Interstate Power Company. Power was generated during times of high usage and during emergencies. Presently we are still in a standby status and from May 1996 until May 2006, we have been purchasing power from Dairyland Power Company. On April 20, 2006 a contract was signed with Wisconsin Energy, (WPPI) to purchase power beginning May 1, 2006 for a period of 30 years.

In October of 1979 the Line Shop moved to their present location. In 1987, we began to upgrade the electrical distribution system from 2400 volts to 12,470 volts. This

upgrade was completed in January of 2002. In order to better serve our customers, a drive-thru pay window was installed in 1992 and the billing functions were moved from City Hall to the plant.

In 1995, two 1860kw Caterpillar generators were installed in place of the 1935 generator. In March of 1999, the 1939 generator was also removed to make room for additional Caterpillar generators. In May of 2000 three 1860kw Caterpillar generators came on line. In 2007 the two 1949 Superior generators were retired and currently the total generating capacity of the plant is 21,250kw.

In November of 1997 by a majority vote, the citizens of Independence approved the formation of a telecommunications company. A new administration building was built across the street from the plant and in May of 2000 the office and management personnel moved in. The vacated office area at the plant was remodeled for the new telecommunications equipment. Cable TV became operational in December of 2000 and internet on May of 2001. In 2006, telephone service, or Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) was added as an additional service.

In June of 2003 work began on the site of the west substation. This substation was installed to handle the continued growth west of the river. It will also be used to serve the entire town when east substation needs to be taken out of service. We are continuing to stay abreast with our customers' needs and keeping a watchful eye to the future. Our goal is the same as our founders, to deliver low cost dependable power to all citizens well into the future.

In May of 2013 Generation Capacity Payments were no longer available to the Utility and costs to bring the generators up to the new emission standards were estimated to be \$900,000.00. Without the ability to retain generation capacity payments and the high costs to update the generators to the new emissions rules standards, the Utility Board voted to solicit bids and sell the generators and associated equipment. In August of 2013 the West Substation located on Iowa Ave SW was energized providing increased reliability to electric customers. Additionally, the utility has made plans with ITC to build a new Transmission line to the West Substation by July 2015.

CONTACTING THE UTILITY'S FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our customers and creditors with a general overview of the Utility's finances and to show the Utility's accountability for the money it receives. If you have any questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Kevin Sidles, Interim General Manager, P.O. Box 754, Independence, IA 50644.

Independence, Iowa
ANALYSIS OF KILOWATT HOURS AND BILLINGS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
(unaudited)

Type of Service:	KWH Billed	Amount Billed	Revenue in cents/KWH	% KWH to Total	% Revenues to Total	Number of Accts
Residential Service	20,872,472	3,261,766	15.63	28.30%	37.96%	2,711
Security Lights	203,389	31,535	15.50	0.28%	0.37%	
Commercial Service	12,503,420	1,675,351	13.40	16.95%	19.50%	441
Demand Power	36,855,360	3,277,607	8.89	49.97%	38.14%	33
Total to Customers	70,434,641	8,246,259	11.71	95.51%	95.96%	3,185
Municipal Sales:						
Street Lighting	635,220	80,246	12.63	0.86%	0.93%	1
City Bldgs, Parks, Water Pumping	1,046,450	141,864	13.56	1.42%	1.65%	24
City Demand Power	1,437,520	125,347	8.72	1.95%	1.46%	2
Plant Lights, Office & Line Shop	195,520	0	0.00	0.27%	0.00%	
Total Municipal	3,314,710	347,457	10.48	4.49%	4.04%	27
Power Cost Adjustment	n/a		0.00	n/a	0.00%	
TOTALS	73,749,351	8,593,716	11.65	100.00%	100.00%	3,212

Analysis of Energy Generated:

Kilowatt Hours Generated	0
Less KWH Consumed by Station	234,494
KWH to Distribution Feeders	-234,494
KWH Purchased	77,272,943
Total	77,038,449
Kilowatt Hours Billed and Metered	73,749,351
Line Loss in Kilowatts	3,289,098
Line Loss as a Percent to Total	4.27%

Revenue by Category: Power Cost Adjustment Separate
2014

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total	Total for acct
Residential	2,093,197	2,095,779	1,991,170	1,496,820	1,364,186	1,399,981	1,811,577	2,003,709	2,029,361	1,549,515	1,388,520	1,648,657	20,872,472	20,881,167
Power Cost Adjustment							8,695						8,695	
Commercial	1,066,846	1,087,554	1,049,295	962,655	944,323	1,050,409	1,102,174	1,171,910	1,119,911	1,005,652	959,349	983,342	12,503,420	12,508,704
Power Cost Adjustment							5,284						5,284	
Industrial	2,588,620	2,814,760	2,636,300	3,124,760	3,081,060	3,541,640	3,151,460	3,520,140	3,348,180	3,009,440	3,010,280	3,028,720	36,855,360	36,870,487
Power Cost Adjustment							15,127						15,127	
Security Lites	17,139	17,141	17,139	17,139	17,145	16,982	16,755	16,755	16,755	16,764	16,830	16,845	203,389	203,389
Street/HWY	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	52,935	635,220	635,220
City Comm	99,304	102,596	88,381	72,196	77,501	96,644	99,419	104,722	70,549	66,980	78,902	89,256	1,046,450	1,046,934
Power Cost Adjustment							484						484	
City Demand	117,280	117,280	111,920	126,960	127,680	128,000	126,800	120,640	117,280	112,640	114,000	117,040	1,437,520	1,438,129
Power Cost Adjustment							609						609	
	6,035,321	6,288,045	5,947,140	5,853,465	5,664,830	6,286,591	6,391,319	6,990,811	6,754,971	5,813,926	5,620,816	5,936,795	73,584,030	73,584,030

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
ENERGY AND REVENUE ACCOUNTING REPORT
For Years Ended December 31, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
(unaudited)

	2014		2013		2012		2011		2010	
	KWH	%								
1. Total Gross Energy (all sources; % of previous year)	77,272,943	107.0%	72,189,443	105.2%	68,648,900	103.8%	66,133,479	99.6%	66,370,141	109.8%
2. Purchased Energy (% of line 1)	77,272,943	100.0%	72,187,808	100.0%	67,913,178	98.9%	65,877,999	99.6%	66,126,335	99.6%
3. Total Gross Energy Generated (line 1 - line 2)	0	#DIV/0!	1,635	100.0%	735,722	100.0%	255,480	100.0%	243,806	100.0%
4. Energy Consumed by Station (% of line 3)	234,494	#DIV/0!	317,435	19415.0%	428,779	58.3%	434,353	170.0%	439,630	180.3%
5. Total Net Energy Generated	-234,494	#DIV/0!	-315,800	-19315.0%	306,943	41.7%	-178,873	-70.0%	-195,824	-80.3%
6. Total Net Energy Outgoing Feeders	77,038,449	100.0%	71,872,008	100.0%	68,220,121	100.0%	65,699,126	100.0%	65,930,511	100.0%
7. Net Distributed Energy (% of line 6)	73,749,351	95.7%	68,183,956	94.9%	64,888,234	95.1%	62,915,537	95.8%	62,761,123	95.2%
8. Energy Lost in Distribution System (% of line 6)	3,289,098	4.27%	3,688,052	5.13%	3,331,887	4.88%	2,783,589	4.24%	3,169,388	4.81%
ENERGY CONSUMED BY EACH SERVICE AND PERCENT CHANGE IN CONSUMPTION:	KWH	% Change								
Residential Service	20,872,472	-1.1%	21,112,875	0.2%	21,063,092	-1.6%	21,394,861	-1.1%	21,622,497	7.7%
Commercial Service	12,503,420	-2.1%	12,776,558	2.5%	12,459,250	-0.4%	12,508,862	2.6%	12,194,628	18.9%
Demand Power	36,855,360	19.5%	30,829,671	9.7%	28,096,400	9.5%	25,662,280	0.3%	25,575,480	11.4%
Security Lights	203,389	-0.6%	204,576	8.7%	188,177	7.3%	175,372	1.9%	172,147	-2.2%
City Bldgs, Parks, Water Pump, Traffic Signals	1,046,450	10.7%	945,641	6.0%	892,210	1.8%	876,386	5.6%	830,254	-6.2%
City Demand Accts: WWTP, Pump Station, Shop	1,437,520	-3.9%	1,495,840	8.9%	1,373,280	-1.5%	1,394,480	-4.3%	1,457,200	2.1%
Street Lights	635,220	0.0%	635,220	-0.2%	636,750	-11.2%	716,988	0.0%	716,988	0.0%
Plant Lights, Office & Line Shop	195,520	6.5%	183,575	2.5%	179,075	-3.9%	186,308	-2.9%	191,929	4.7%
TOTAL	73,749,351	8.2%	68,183,956	5.1%	64,888,234	3.1%	62,915,537	0.2%	62,761,123	10.7%
ELECTRIC SALES INCLUDING AVERAGE UNIT REVENUE PER KWH:	Billings	Per Unit Revenue In Cents								
Residential Service	3,261,766	15.63	3,393,847	16.07	3,597,406	17.08	3,629,986	16.97	3,456,833	15.99
Commercial Service	1,675,351	13.40	1,716,517	13.43	1,663,937	13.36	1,658,001	13.25	1,530,042	12.55
Demand Power	3,277,607	8.89	2,798,720	9.08	2,516,567	8.96	2,329,442	9.08	2,176,966	8.51
Security Lights	31,535	15.50	31,504	15.40	30,101	16.00	28,890	16.47	28,607	16.62
City Bldgs, Parks, Water Pump, Traffic Signals	141,864	13.56	128,615	13.60	120,345	13.49	116,298	13.27	104,212	12.55
City Demand Accts: WWTP, Pump Station, Shop	125,347	8.72	132,904	8.88	117,889	8.58	120,311	8.63	120,936	8.30
Street Lights	80,246	12.63	80,246	12.63	79,622	12.50	90,533	12.63	85,896	11.98
TOTAL	8,593,716	11.65	8,282,353	12.15	8,125,868	12.52	7,973,461	12.67	7,503,492	11.96

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
UTILITY STATISTICS AND OPERATING INFORMATION
For Years Ended December 31, 2014, 2013, 2012, 2011, 2010
(unaudited)

				2014	2013	2012	2011	2010								
Installed 2000	Genr No.	Unit Year	Fuel	KW Capacity	KWH Generated	KWH Generated	KWH Generated	KWH Generated	KWH Generated							
	1	1949	out of service	4/07	0	0	0	0	0							
Installed 2000	1A	2000	Oil	1,860	0	521	101,916	44,776	23,652							
	2	1949	out of service	4/07	0	0	0	0	0							
Installed 2000	3A	1996	Oil	1,860	0	0	95,000	45,000	24,000							
	3B	1996	Oil	1,860	0	0	95,000	45,000	23,000							
Installed 2000	4A	2000	Oil	1,860	0	558	102,611	44,290	23,511							
	4B	2000	Oil	1,860	0	556	102,195	46,414	23,643							
Installed 2000	5	1957	Dual	2,500	0	0	88,000	6,000	28,000							
	6	1964	Dual	3,200	0	0	23,000	8,000	30,000							
Installed 2000	7	1973	Dual	6,250	0	0	133,000	16,000	68,000							
	TOTAL CAPACITY & KWH GENERATED				21,250	0	1,635	740,722	255,480	243,806						
PURCHASED KILOWATT HOURS					77,272,943	72,187,808	67,913,178	65,877,999	66,126,335							
TOTAL KWH					77,272,943	72,189,443	68,653,900	66,133,479	66,370,141							
				Hours Operated	Operating Capacity											
Unit No.				1	Oil	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!					
1A				Oil	0	#DIV/0!	0.5	56%	61.75	89%	27	89%				
2				Oil	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!				
3A				Oil	0	#DIV/0!	0.5	0%	57.75	88%	27	90%				
3B				Oil	0	#DIV/0!	0.5	0%	57.75	88%	27	90%				
4A				Oil	0	#DIV/0!	0.5	60%	62.25	89%	27	88%				
4B				Oil	0	#DIV/0!	0.5	60%	62.25	88%	28	89%				
5				Oil & Gas	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	49.75	71%	3.5	69%				
6				Oil & Gas	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	9	80%	3.5	71%				
7				Oil & Gas	0	#DIV/0!	0	#DIV/0!	27	79%	3.5	73%				
TOTAL PLANT FUEL CONSUMPTION FOR ENERGY GENERATION ONLY				Oil	Consumed	0 gal	Fuel Consumed	256 gal	Fuel Consumed	55,628 gal	Fuel Consumed	19,217 gal	Fuel Consumed	18,854 gal		
TOTAL & UNIT COST FOR ENERGY GENERATION ONLY				Oil	Total Fuel Cost	0	Unit Cost	#DIV/0!	868	3.389	142,963	2.570	39,271	2.044	39,949	2.119
				Gas	Total Fuel Cost	0	Unit Cost	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL UNIT OPERATING COST (omit interest, depreciation & taxes)				Total Cost	Cents/KWH	Total Cost	Cents/KWH	Total Cost	Cents/KWH							
Total Fuel Cost for Energy Generated				4,084	#DIV/0!	5,145	314.67	137,058	18.50	39,650	15.52	40,189	16.48			
Purchased Power Cost				6,087,329	7.88	5,614,801	7.78	5,373,941	7.91	5,175,095	7.86	5,123,414	7.75			
Generation & Purchased Cost to Feeders				6,222,302	8.66	5,928,874	8.69	5,811,511	8.52	5,579,314	8.49	5,523,392	8.38			
Generation & Purchased Cost to Consumers				6,222,302	9.13	5,928,874	9.14	5,811,511	8.96	5,579,314	8.87	5,523,392	8.80			
Distribution Cost to Consumers				487,720	0.72	547,844	0.84	456,393	0.70	371,405	0.59	405,198	0.65			
Accounting & Collection Expenses to Consumers				113,255	0.17	120,639	0.19	132,909	0.20	125,659	0.20	127,890	0.20			
Office Admin. & General Expenses to Consumers				759,842	1.11	917,682	1.41	789,468	1.22	894,502	1.42	1,118,476	1.78			
Total Delivered Cost to Consumers				7,583,118	11.12	7,515,038	11.58	7,190,281	11.08	6,970,879	11.08	7,174,956	11.43			
MAXIMUM DEMAND ON PLANT (MOMENTARY)				15,404 KW	07/22/14 5:00 PM	15,601 KW	08/30/13 4:00 PM	15,233 KW	07/06/12 4:00 PM	15,266 KW	07/19/11 5:00 PM	13,930 KW	07/14/10 6:00 PM			

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
(unaudited)

Electric Rate Schedule

Effective April 1, 2013

Residential:	Service Charge	\$13.50
	All kWh	\$0.13482
Commercial:	Service Charge	\$20.00
	All kWh	\$0.12595
Industrial:	Service Charge	\$120.00
	Demand Charge	\$10.60 per KW
	All kWh	\$0.0630

An energy cost adjustment is made monthly to the above rates based on the utility's kWh sales and power costs.

Security Lighting Monthly Rental Fees

Effective January 1, 2009

100 Watt High Pressure Sodium	10.00
250 Watt High Pressure Sodium	15.00
400 Watt High Pressure Sodium	18.50
400 Watt Metal Halide	15.00
Metal Arch	10.00

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT AND POWER
Independence, Iowa

MONTHLY & YEARLY PEAK LOAD IN KILOWATTS
For the Year Ended December 31, 2014
(unaudited)

Date	KW	Time	Day
January 6	11,605	6:00 PM	Monday
February 10	11,403	7:00 PM	Monday
March 3	10,697	7:00 PM	Monday
April 1	9,994	11:00 AM	Tuesday
May 30	12,792	5:00 PM	Friday
June 17	13,344	4:00 PM	Tuesday
July 22	15,404	5:00 PM	Tuesday
August 22	14,976	5:00 PM	Friday
September 4	14,916	5:00 PM	Thursday
October 2	9,860	2:00 PM	Thursday
November 18	11,180	6:00 PM	Tuesday
December 30	11,200	6:00 PM	Tuesday

2014 Peak for the Year

July 22	15,404	5:00 PM
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Comparison

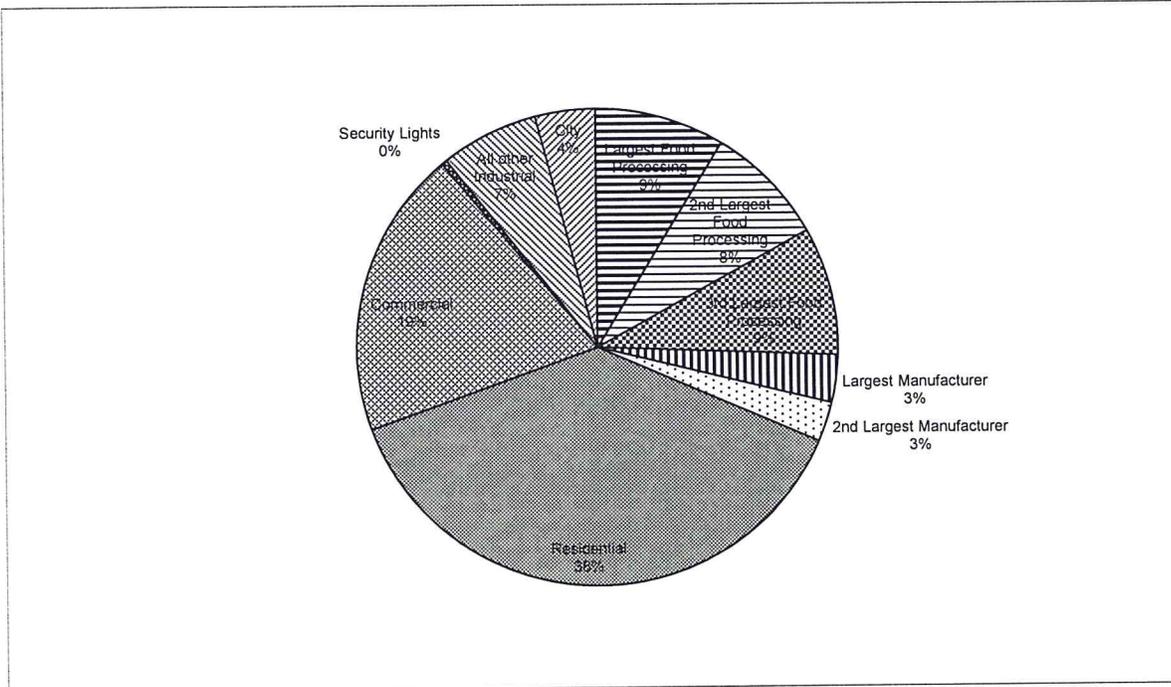
2013 Peak	15,601
2012 Peak	15,233
2011 Peak	15,266
2010 Peak	13,930
2009 Peak	12,720
2008 Peak	12,410
2007 Peak	13,398
2006 Peak	15,030
2005 Peak	16,580
2004 Peak	15,500
2003 Peak	17,000
2002 Peak	15,500
2001 Peak	16,310
2000 Peak	16,030
1999 Peak	16,310
1998 Peak	13,836
1997 Peak	13,950
1996 Peak	14,000
1995 Peak	15,800
1994 Peak	12,500
1993 Peak	12,600
1992 Peak	10,500

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa

TEN LARGEST INDUSTRIAL CUSTOMERS
December 31, 2014
(unaudited)

Customer	KWh Metered At Industrial Rate	Revenue	% of Total Revenue
Ranking:			
1 Food Processing	8,898,720	\$753,272	9.1%
2 Food Processing	8,212,800	\$704,211	8.5%
3 Food Processing	8,057,400	\$742,763	9.0%
4 Manufacturing	3,051,040	\$278,233	3.4%
5 Manufacturing	2,626,000	\$231,548	2.8%
6 Education	1,986,960	\$204,742	2.5%
7 Government	1,437,520	\$125,347	1.5%
8 Health Care	1,314,840	\$115,301	1.4%
9 Retail	745,520	\$66,707	0.8%
10 Retail	339,680	\$30,896	0.4%
Total of Ten Largest	36,670,480	\$3,253,020	39.3%

INDEPENDENCE LIGHT & POWER
Independence, Iowa
2014 REVENUE BREAKDOWN
Shows 5 Largest Customers Individually
(unaudited)



Customer	KWh	Revenue	% of Total Revenue
1 Largest Food Processing	8,898,720	\$753,272	8.77%
2 2nd Largest Food Processing	8,212,800	\$704,211	8.19%
3 3rd Largest Food Processing	8,057,400	\$742,763	8.64%
4 Largest Manufacturer	3,051,040	\$278,233	3.24%
5 2nd Largest Manufacturer	2,626,000	\$231,548	2.69%
All Others Residential	20,872,472	\$3,261,766	37.96%
Commercial	12,503,420	\$1,675,351	19.50%
Security Lights	203,389	\$31,534	0.37%
All other Industrial	6,009,400	\$567,581	6.60%
City	3,119,190	\$347,457	4.04%
Total Sales	73,553,831	\$8,593,716	100.00%

Basic Financial Statements

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Statement of Net Position

December 31, 2014 and 2013

ASSETS:	2014	2013
Current Assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 2,870,618	3,378,005
Accounts receivable, net	952,791	909,071
Unbilled revenues receivable	192,939	249,674
Interest receivable	4,888	5,114
Investment income receivable	9,706	-
Inventory	285,478	439,624
Prepaid expenses	34,187	16,425
Total Current Assets	4,350,607	4,997,913
Board Designated Funds:		
Investment in transmission fund	266,365	266,365
Capital improvement fund	1,591,233	1,521,436
Retirement and severance fund	974,459	1,574,459
Self insurance fund	950,000	1,000,000
Total Board Designated Funds	3,782,057	4,362,260
Capital Assets	20,788,607	20,925,624
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(12,885,149)	(12,713,184)
Net Capital Assets	7,903,458	8,212,440
Other Assets:		
Note receivable - USDA revolving loan fund	137,143	188,572
Note receivable - Wapsie Valley Creamery	2,496,449	583,892
Construction-in-process	42,674	-
Investment in transmission	180,152	180,152
Total Other Assets	2,856,418	952,616
Total Assets	\$ 18,892,540	18,525,229

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Statement of Net Position (continued)

December 31, 2014 and 2013

LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:	2014	2013
Current Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 841,400	756,930
Unearned revenue	12,500	12,500
Accrued wages payable	46,130	49,883
Accrued vacation and sick pay	465,311	470,953
Other accrued expenses	32,580	34,126
Current portion of long term debt	564,130	594,906
Total Current Liabilities	1,962,051	1,919,298
Other Liabilities:		
Accrued retirement insurance	345,904	390,792
Note payable - USDA revolving loan fund	300,000	300,000
Note payable - USDA, net of current portion	2,225,673	513,116
Electric revenue project note payable		
Net of current portion of long-term debt shown above	-	2,008,005
Total Other Liabilities	2,871,577	3,211,913
Total Liabilities	4,833,628	5,131,211
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	7,610,104	5,680,305
Unrestricted net position	6,448,808	7,713,713
Total Net Position	14,058,912	13,394,018
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 18,892,540	\$ 18,525,229

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures, and Changes in Net Position
Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	2014	2013
Operating Revenues:		
Charges for services	\$ 11,441,173	11,303,939
Miscellaneous operating revenue	84,978	69,804
Total Operating Revenue	11,526,151	11,373,743
 Operating Expenses:		
Generation expenses	134,973	259,597
Purchased power and transmission expenses	6,209,150	5,681,206
Distribution expenses	372,080	473,347
Customer account expenses	101,752	120,586
Administration and general expenses	1,169,466	1,250,048
Cable and internet expenses	1,779,970	1,652,067
Depreciation and amortization expenses	895,199	960,578
Benefits to community and city	237,869	285,041
Total Operating Expenses	10,900,459	10,682,470
Operating Income	625,692	691,273
 Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses):		
Interest income	43,039	48,271
Interest expense	(41,588)	(77,939)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(93,268)	(1,419,406)
Other revenue	131,019	59,117
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	39,202	(1,389,957)
Changes in Net Position	664,894	(698,684)
Net Position, beginning of year	13,394,018	14,092,702
Net Position, end of year	\$ 14,058,912	13,394,018

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Statement of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Cash Flows from Operating Activities:		
Receipts from customers and users	\$11,438,408	11,286,232
Payments to suppliers	(8,698,744)	(8,311,997)
Payments for services	(1,178,861)	(1,318,235)
Other receipts (payments)	153,391	101,382
Net cash provided by operating activities	<u>1,714,194</u>	<u>1,757,382</u>
Cash Flows from Noncapital Financing Activities:		
Repayment of notes receivable	87,443	70,776
Issuance of notes receivable	(2,000,000)	-
Principal paid on long term debt	(87,443)	(70,776)
Proceeds from long term debt	2,000,000	-
Net cash provided by noncapital financing activities	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Cash Flows from Capital and Related Financing Activities:		
Acquisitions of capital assets	(682,949)	(931,927)
Disposal of capital assets	67,066	446,417
Principal paid on revenue notes	(2,238,781)	(619,704)
Interest paid on revenue notes	(41,588)	(77,939)
Repayment of revolving note receivable	51,429	51,428
Net cash used by capital and related financing activities	<u>(2,844,823)</u>	<u>(1,131,725)</u>
Cash Flows from Investing Activities:		
Interest	<u>43,039</u>	<u>48,271</u>
Net increase(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(1,087,590)	673,928
Cash and cash equivalents beginning of year	<u>4,140,265</u>	<u>3,466,337</u>
Cash and cash equivalents end of year	<u>\$ 3,052,675</u>	<u>4,140,265</u>

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Statement of Cash Flows

Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Reconciliation of operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Operating income	\$ 625,692	691,273
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	895,199	960,578
Other revenue	68,187	31,578
(Increase) decrease in:		
Accounts receivable	(59,500)	27,190
Unbilled revenues receivable	56,735	(59,782)
Interest receivable	226	2,385
Inventory	71,888	63,132
Prepaid expenses	(17,762)	23,759
Increase (decrease) in:		
Accounts payable	84,470	70,465
Unearned revenue	-	12,500
Accrued wages payable	(3,753)	1,770
Accrued vacation and sick pay	(5,642)	(69,957)
Other accrued expenses	(1,546)	2,491
	<u>\$ 1,714,194</u>	<u>1,757,382</u>

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Notes to Financial Statements

December 31, 2014 and 2013

(1) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications, municipal utilities, are subdivisions of the City of Independence, which is a political subdivision of the State of Iowa. The Utilities are considered a component unit of the City under Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 61. Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications are public utilities providing electrical, cable, internet, and telephone services to the citizens of the City of Independence, Iowa.

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

A. Reporting Entity:

For reporting purposes, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications have included all funds. The Utilities have 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 Utilities are such that exclusion would cause the Utilities' financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board sets forth criteria to be considered in determining if the Utilities are a component unit of the City of Independence. The City operates under the Mayor-Council form of government with the Mayor and Council Members elected on a non-partisan basis and the Utilities are governed by a separate Board of Trustees which is appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council. The financial statements are the Enterprise Funds of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications which is a component unit of the City of Independence.

Independence Telecommunications Utility, which provides cable, internet, and telephone services, is legally separate from Independence Light and Power, the Electric Utility, but is financially accountable to the Electric Utility, or whose relationship with the Electric Utility is such that exclusion would cause the Electric Utility's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete. The Telecommunications Utility is governed by the same five-member Board as the Electric Utility, and appointed by the Mayor subject to the approval of the City Council.

B. Basis of Presentation:

The Statement of Net Position and the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position report information on all of the nonfiduciary activities of the Utilities. For the most part, the effect of the interfund activity has been removed from these statements.

The Statement of Net Position displays the Utilities' nonfiduciary assets, deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, with the difference reported as net position. Net position is reported in the following categories:

Net investment in capital assets 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.

Restricted net position results when constraints placed on asset use are either externally imposed or imposed by law through constitutional provisions or enabling legislation. Enabling legislation did not result in any restricted net position.

Unrestricted net position consists of net position not meeting the definition of the two preceding categories. Unrestricted net position often has constraints on resources imposed by management or those charged with governance which can be removed or modified.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, generally it is the Utilities' policy to use unrestricted resources first.

C. Measurement Focus and Basis of Accounting:

Basis of accounting refers to when revenues and expenses are recognized in the accounts and reported in the financial statements. Basis of accounting relates to the timing of the measurements made, regardless of the measurement focus applied.

The accompanying basic financial statements have been prepared on the accrual basis of accounting in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Revenues are recognized when earned and expenses are recorded when the liability is incurred. The accounting records are maintained in accordance with the uniform system of accounts prescribed by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC).

In reporting their financial activity, the Utilities apply all applicable GASB pronouncements for proprietary funds as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless these pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins of the Committee on Accounting Procedure.

Proprietary 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 a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenue of the Utilities' Enterprise Funds is charges to customers for sales and services. Operating expenses for Enterprise Funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

D. Use of Estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principals 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.

E. Assets, Liabilities, and Net Position:

The following accounting policies are followed in preparing the financial statements:

Cash, Cash Equivalents and Pooled Investments – The cash balances of most Utility funds are pooled and invested. Investments consist of non-negotiable certificates of deposit and investments in transmission which are stated at cost.

For purposes of the Statement of Cash Flows, all short-term cash investments that are highly liquid (including restricted assets) are considered 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.

Accounts Receivable and Unbilled Revenue – Accounts receivable are shown at the amount expected to be collected after determining the allowance for doubtful accounts based on an aging of all the individual customer balances. Unbilled revenue is for the services consumed between periodic scheduled billing dates and is estimated and recognized as revenue in the period in which the service is provided.

Due from and Due to Other Funds – During the course of its operations, the Utilities have numerous transactions between each other and the primary government entity, the City of Independence. To the extent certain transactions between entities has not been paid or received as of December 31, 2014 and 2013, balances of interfund amounts receivable or payable have been recorded in the fund financial statements.

Inventories – Inventories are valued using the average cost method. Inventories consist of materials and supplies. Inventories are recorded as expenses when consumed rather than when purchased.

Board Designated Funds – These consist primarily of cash designated by the Board of Trustees for the improvement, replacement and expansion of capital assets, future investment in transmission, and future health insurance payments for retired employees. The Board retains control over these funds and may, at its discretion, subsequently use them for other purposes.

Capital Assets – Capital assets, which include property, equipment and vehicles, intangibles and infrastructure assets, were recorded in 1954 at their appraised value with all subsequent additions recorded at historical cost and are reported on the Statement of Net Position. If items of property are sold, retired, or otherwise disposed of, they are removed from the asset and accumulated depreciation accounts, and any gain or losses thereon are reflected in the Statements of Revenues, Expenditures and Net Position.

The costs of normal maintenance and repair not adding to the value of the asset or materially extending asset lives are not capitalized. Reportable capital assets are defined by the Utilities as assets with initial, individual costs in excess of \$1,000 and estimated useful lives in excess of one year.

Capital assets of the Utilities are depreciated/amortized using the straight line method over the following estimated useful lives:

Asset Class	Estimated Useful Lives (In Years)
Buildings	25-50
Improvements other than buildings	15-40
Vehicles	5-10
Equipment and Computers	3-25
Furniture	7-10
Infrastructure	15-55
Land Rights and Intangibles	10-40
Telecommunications equipment	5-25

Compensated Absences - Utility employees accumulate a limited amount of earned but unused vacation and sick leave hours for subsequent use or for payment upon termination, death or retirement. A liability is recorded when incurred in the entity-wide financial statements. The compensated absences liability has been computed based on rates of pay in effect at December 31, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Revenue - The Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Net Position is segregated into operating and non-operating sections. Generally, operating activities are those that directly result from the provision of goods and services to customers or are directly related to the principal and usual activity of the Utilities. Billings to customers are based on meter readings at stated rates, and are recorded as revenue in the corresponding meter-reading period.

Income Taxes - Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications are subdivisions of the State of Iowa and exempt from federal and state income taxes.

F. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting

The budgetary comparison and related disclosures are reported as Required Supplementary Information. During the year ended December 31, 2014, disbursements exceeded the amount budgeted before amendment. Disbursements also exceeded the amount budgeted at year end.

(2) Cash and Investments

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' deposits in banks at December 31, 2014 and 2013 were 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 the depositories to insure there will be no loss of public funds.

The Utilities are 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 Board of Trustees; 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.

In order to offset rising transmission costs, the Independence Light & Power Board of Trustees, through and in conjunction with its membership in the Midwest Municipal Transmission Group (MMTG), on June 25, 2009 entered into a Joint Agreement as a participating municipal utility with Iowa Public Power Agency (IPPA) for investment rights in the construction or acquisition and ownership of transmission upgrades and additions to Mid American Energy Company's (MEC) transmission system. IPPA is to issue and sell bonds to finance the cost of each agreement and transmission assets are to be operated by MEC. The initial investment and ownership interest is \$122,149 and 8.891%, respectively. If, upon termination of this Joint Agreement, there remains any property or assets in which the parties own an undivided interest, said property or assets shall be disposed of on a pro-rate basis in accordance with the terms of the agreement.

On February 28, 2007, the Utility through and in conjunction with its membership in MMTG, also agreed to participate in the Brookings-Twin Cities Development Project Agreement with the Central Minnesota Municipal Power Agency (CMMMPA) for the purpose of pursuing Development work for a Transmission Project. This Transmission Project (herein after referred to as "the Project") is being undertaken to assist in the maintenance and enhancement of system reliability for electric customers in the upper Midwest region. This agreement addresses the Development phase of the Transmission Project and will be replaced with an agreement providing for ILPT's entitlement and other related rights and arrangements pertaining to the Transmission Project once the development phase is completed. The initial agreement shall be for five years, but can be extended in one year increments until the Development work has been completed. Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' is an "open participant" in this agreement, meaning that it does not participate in CMMMPA's financing of the Development work and their "Participant Election Share" is 2.43%. Participants are responsible for their share of the monthly Development work costs, whether or not the Transmission Project is actually developed. ILPT's share of the Development work cost is to be \$248,648, of which \$58,003 had been invested as of December 31, 2014.

The carrying value and the approximate market value of the Electric Utility's investment in transmission at December 31, 2014 was \$180,152.

(3) Accounts Receivable

As of December 31, this account consisted of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Accounts Receivable	\$ 1,037,239	985,237
Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts	(84,448)	(76,166)
Balance	<u>\$ 952,791</u>	<u>909,071</u>

(4) Unbilled Revenues Receivable

Unbilled revenues receivable consist of electric meter usage that has not been read or billed by the Electric Utility. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, these amounts were \$192,939 and \$249,674, respectively.

(5) Inventories

Inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market. At December 31, inventories consisted of the following:

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Fuel oil	\$ -0-	70,671
Lube oil	16	16
Distribution	132,576	143,822
Generation	20,000	102,258
Cable and internet supplies	<u>132,886</u>	<u>122,857</u>
	<u>\$ 285,478</u>	<u>439,624</u>

(6) Reserved Funds

The reserved funds are amounts the Board has restricted for specific purposes.

Capital Improvement Fund – At the October 20, 1994 meeting, the Board approved the combining of the Improvement Fund and the Future Construction Fund and called it the Capital Improvement Funds. This fund is to be used for new construction projects and improvements. Initially, monthly transfers to this fund were to be \$15,000. For calendar year 2014, the Utilities’ Board voted to freeze all monthly transfers into this fund. Transfers from the fund during the year totaled \$50,203 for capital improvement project expenditures.

Retirement and Severance Fund – The Board of Trustees has reserved this to pay for future health insurance coverage for retired employees. It also helps fund the accrued vacation and sick leave liability for current employees in the event of their termination, death or retirement. This fund is to equal the combined retirement and severance liabilities. \$7,700 was originally transferred into this fund each month. During 2014 the Utilities’ Board voted to freeze all monthly transfers into this fund. Also during 2014, the Board voted to release and transfer \$600,000 from the fund to be used towards paying down the Utilities’ long-term debt.

Self Insurance Fund – The Board of Trustees has reserved the amounts in this fund to replace the distribution system that might be destroyed by a natural disaster. This reduces the amount of insurance premium that would be incurred if an outside insurer were paid for this coverage. Prior to October 1994, this fund was funded with all interest income received. At the October 20, 1994 board meeting, the policy was changed to have \$2,500 transferred to this fund each month. At the February 24, 2005 board meeting, the board approved a transfer of \$181,596 to this fund from the Retirement and Severance Fund, and approved capping this fund at \$1,000,000. At the November 19, 2009 board meeting, the board approved a transfer of \$250,000 to this fund from the checking account. At the August 25, 2011 board meeting the board approved a donation to the Mustang Foundation for the building of the new Junior-Senior High School for \$500,000 to be paid from this fund. As of December 31, 2014 the \$500,000 of this amount had been paid. The board has approved a payback schedule of monthly transfers for \$8,333.34 for 60 months from revenues to the Self Insurance Fund. No transfers of \$8,333.34 were made during 2014. Balance of the fund at December 31, 2014 and 2013 was \$950,000 and \$1,000,000 respectively.

At the April 19, 2007 Board of Director’s meeting, it was approved to create a new restricted fund - Investment in Transmission. The funds will be used for future transmission capital investing.

(7) Capital Assets

Capital Assets Not Being Depreciated:	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Land	\$ 244,162	244,162
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:		
Telecommunications Outside Plant	\$ 2,307,919	2,307,919
Buildings and Improvements	243,968	203,120
Generation in Service	2,471,976	3,037,377
Distribution in Service	8,260,342	8,228,422
Office and Office Equipment	1,007,695	1,014,766
Small Tools	55,946	55,946
Transportation	1,358,261	1,358,260
Cable and Internet Equipment	<u>4,838,338</u>	<u>4,475,652</u>
Total Capital Assets Being Depreciated	20,544,445	20,681,462
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(12,885,149)	(12,713,184)
Net Capital Assets Being Depreciated	<u>7,659,296</u>	<u>7,968,278</u>
Net Capital Assets	<u>\$ 7,903,458</u>	<u>8,212,440</u>

(8) Accrued Vacation and Sick Pay

At December 31, 2014 and 2013, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications had accrued vacation payable of \$76,225 and \$82,361, respectively. An employee may carry forward only five days of vacation from one year to the next. An employee earns their vacation days on their anniversary date.

All full-time employees accrue sick leave at a rate of 2 days per month up to a maximum of two-hundred-eighty (280) days. Upon retirement, medical disability, or death, an employee will be paid up to fifty percent of 240 days of his or her accumulated sick leave. Per Board policy, Management is eligible to receive one hundred percent of 240 days of his or her accumulated sick leave if certain requirements are met. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, the accumulated sick leave was \$389,086 and \$388,592, respectively.

(9) Pension and Retirement Benefits

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications 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 which are 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, IA 50306-9117.

As of January 1, 2013, plan members were required to contribute 5.78% of their annual covered payroll and the Utility is required to contribute 8.67% of covered payroll. The rates changed effective July 1, 2013 and the required contribution rates were 5.95% for plan members and 8.93% for the Utility. Contribution requirements are established by state statute. The contributions paid to IPERS by Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications for the years ended December 31, 2014, 2013, and 2012 were \$96,086, \$105,865, and \$101,625 and respectively, equal to the required contributions for each year.

(10) Other Postemployment Benefits - Accrued Retirement Insurance

During 1986, the Board of Trustees voted to recognize the probable liability of retirement health insurance coverage by appropriating funds for this purpose, based on the life expectancy of each retiree. The criteria for determining eligibility includes years of service and employee age. The benefit is available to the spouse for up to three months after the death of the retiree. At December 31, 2014 and 2013, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications had accrued retirement insurance of \$345,904 and \$390,792.

At a July 2004 Board of Trustees meeting, the Utilities adopted a resolution stating that future retirees would not be provided retirement health insurance coverage. Current retirees and spouses will continue to be covered under the plan.

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications covered 8 retired employees and 6 spouses at December 31, 2014 and 9 retired employees and 7 retired employee's spouses at December 31, 2013.

Plan Description - The Utilities operate a single-employer benefit plan which provides medical/prescription drug benefits or Medicare supplement, if applicable, for employees, retirees and their spouses. There are 15 active employees and 14 retired employees and their spouses in the plan.

Funding Policy - The contribution requirements for plan members are established by the Utility board and may be amended. The Utilities currently finance the retiree benefit plan on a pay-as-you-go basis. The most recent active member monthly premiums to Wellmark for the active Utility employees are \$415 for single coverage, \$850 for single plus spouse, \$788 for single plus child, and \$1,286 for family coverage. The retiree Medicare supplemental premiums for the Utility are \$204 per retired member. For the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the Utilities contributed \$268,889 and \$290,868 for health insurance premiums and their employer portion of the self-funded premiums for active and retired employees, respectively.

Annual OPEB Cost and Net OPEB Obligation - The amount of probable liability is determined using life expectancy tables and a variable health care inflation assumption and those amounts were placed in a long-term investment. The Utilities will recognize the liability incurred as of December 31 and accordingly restrict the equivalent amount of cash.

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Annual required contribution	\$ -	-
Adjustment to annual required contribution	<u>(44,888)</u>	<u>(64,429)</u>
Annual OPEB cost	(44,888)	(64,429)
Contributions made	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
Decrease in net OPEB obligation	(44,888)	(64,429)
Net OPEB - beginning of year	390,792	455,221
Net OPEB - end of year	<u>\$ 345,904</u>	<u>390,792</u>

(11) Long-Term Debt

The Utility issued an Electric Revenue Improvement and Refunding Note dated August 1, 2005. The electric revenue note is a revenue note issued under the provisions of Chapter 384 of the Code of Iowa and, as such, the principal and interest are payable from the revenue from operations of the Utility. Independence Light & Power reserves the right to prepay principal on this note in whole or in part at any time prior to and in any order of maturity on terms of par and accrued interest. The balance at December 31, 2010 was \$4,136,993. On July 21, 2011

the Utility signed an Agreement to Amend Terms of Electric Revenue Improvement and Refunding Note, Series 2005, which changed the note from a variable rate to a fixed rate of 2.70% as of August 1, 2011. Monthly principal and interest payments are now \$40,736.91 beginning September 1, 2011. Beginning January 1, 2012, the Utility began paying an additional \$8,700 per month to reduce principal on the loan; the required principal and interest payment per month totals \$49,436.91. In July 2014 the Utility paid an additional \$1,000,000 on this note. The balances at December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$293,354 and \$2,532,135, respectively.

In 2010 Independence Light & Power received a \$300,000 loan from the United States Department of Agriculture in order to establish a revolving loan fund. The Utility also was required to contribute \$60,000 of its own funds towards the revolving loan fund. The total of \$360,000 is available for the Utility to make loans to customers for economic development purposes. As the funds are paid back, the Utility is able to loan the funds to other customers. During the year 2010, the entire balance of \$360,000 was loaned to the Buchanan County Health Center (BCHC) for their ambulance addition and remodeling project as a seven year, zero interest loan. As of December 31, 2014 and 2013 the loan receivable balances were \$137,143 and \$188,572, respectively.

In 2012 the Independence Light & Power Utility received a \$707,750 loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the role of an intermediary for the final recipient, Wapsie Valley Creamery, Inc. The loan is provided as part of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program, runs for ten years, and carries an interest rate of zero. The Utility is to collect monthly principal from Wapsie Valley Creamery, Inc. in the amount of \$5,898 and remit to the USDA. There are two separate letters of credit on this transaction with BankIowa. The first is between Wapsie Valley Creamery and the USDA and the second is between Wapsie Valley Creamery and the Utility. Balances outstanding at December 31, 2014 and 2013 were \$513,116 and \$583,892, respectively.

In December 2014 Independence Telecommunications Utility received a \$2,000,000 loan from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) in the role of an intermediary for the final recipient, Wapsie Valley Creamery, Inc. The loan is part of the Rural Economic Development Loan and Grant Program to promote Rural Development. The loan runs for ten years and carries an interest rate of zero. The Utility is to collect monthly principal from Wapsie Valley Creamery, Inc. in the amount of \$16,667 and remit to the USDA. Wapsie Valley Creamery, Inc. has an Irrevocable Standby Letter of Credit from BankIowa, with USDA and Independence Telecommunications Utility as beneficiaries in case Wapsie Valley Creamery will have failed to comply with the terms and conditions of the note. Balance of loan at December 31, 2014 was \$1,983,333.

The details of the Independence Light & Power's indebtedness are as follows:

Year Ending December, 31	Principal	Interest	Total
2015	564,130	2,744	566,874
2016	270,776	-	270,776
2017	270,776	-	270,776
2018	270,776	-	270,776
2019	270,776	-	270,776
2018 - 2022	1,142,569	-	1,142,569
Total	<u>\$ 2,789,803</u>	<u>2,744</u>	<u>2,792,547</u>

(12) Related Party Transactions

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications provides electrical service to the City of Independence. During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, the charges for this electrical service were \$346,308 and \$340,713, respectively. In addition, the City paid \$24,698 and \$24,748, respectively, for meter reading.

During 2014 and 2013, Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications donated \$156,000 to the City of Independence.

(13) Lease Agreements

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications has a Joint Use Contract with CenturyLink Corporation (formerly Qwest Corporation). Both parties own poles used by the other party. A lease of \$16.79 per pole is paid to the owner. The net amount, (Joint Use Poles owned by the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications less the number of Joint Use Poles owned by CenturyLink Corporation) was 549 poles. During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications received \$9,218 and \$9,419, respectively.

The Utilities also have a Joint Use Contract with Mediacom. Both parties own poles used by the other party. A lease of \$16.79 per pole is paid to the owner. The net amount, (Joint Use Poles owned by the Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications less the number of Joint Use Poles owned by Mediacom) was 1,773 poles. During the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications received \$29,769 and \$29,769 and respectively.

(14) Commitments

On March 2, 2006, the Electric Utility signed a letter of intent to purchase power from Wisconsin Public Power, Inc. (WPPI). The letter of intent states the contract period will be from May 1, 2006 through December 31, 2037 with an average wholesale cost of power projected to be \$58.28/MWh for 2006. An official contract for service was approved and signed at the April 20, 2006 meeting of the board of directors.

At the August 25, 2011 board meeting it was agreed to pledge a donation of \$500,000 to the Mustang Foundation's "Bridge the Gap" campaign to build a new Junior-Senior High School in Independence. The donation is to be used for energy efficient equipment for the new school. As of December 31, 2014, the \$500,000 pledge had been paid.

(15) Risk Management

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications 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. Except for distribution property and equipment, these risks are covered by the purchase of commercial insurance. The Utility 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 five fiscal years. The Utility has retained the risk of damage to and destruction of most distribution property and equipment and maintains funds intended to cover potential losses relating thereto as described in Note 6 – Reserve Funds. There were no material estimated liabilities or claims paid during the past fiscal year.

(16) Subsequent Events

Subsequent events were evaluated through July 22, 2015, which is the date the financial statements were available to be issued.

(17) 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 calendar year ending December 31, 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 Utilities' proportionate shares of the employee pension plan.

Required Supplementary Information

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Budgetary Comparison Schedule of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Position
Budget to Actual (Cash Basis)

December 31, 2014

	Accrual Basis	Accrual Adjustments	Cash Basis	Budget	Final to Actual Cash Basis Variance
Total Revenues	\$ 11,700,209	2,140,567	13,840,776	13,901,101	(60,325)
Total Expenditures	(11,035,315)	(3,893,051)	(14,928,366)	(14,097,795)	(830,571)
Net	664,894	(1,752,484)	(1,087,590)	(196,694)	(890,896)
Balance, Beginning of year	13,394,018	(5,653,753)	7,740,265	2,049,922	(5,690,343)
Balance, End of year	\$ 14,058,912	(7,406,237)	6,652,675	1,853,228	(4,799,447)

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Notes to Required Supplementary Information – Budgetary Reporting

December 31, 2014

The budgetary comparison is presented as Required Supplementary Information in accordance with Government Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 41 for governments with significant budgetary perspective differences resulting from not being able to present budgetary comparisons for their financial statements.

In accordance with the Code of Iowa, the Board of Trustees annually adopts a budget on the cash basis following required public notice and hearing. The annual budget may be amended during the year utilizing similar statutorily prescribed procedures. Encumbrances are not recognized on the cash basis budget and appropriations lapse at year end.

During the year ended December 31, 2014, disbursements exceeded amounts budgeted before amendment. Disbursements also exceeded the amount budgeted at year end.

Supplementary Information

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications

Treasurer's Balance

December 31, 2014

	Cash and Cash Equivalents	Time Deposits	Total	Maximum Authorized Deposit
Security State Bank Independence, Iowa	\$ 553,013	400,000	953,013	10,000,000
Deposits in transit	-		-	
Outstanding checks	-		-	
Security State Balance			<u>953,013</u>	
BankIowa Independence, Iowa	2,551,570	3,200,000	5,751,570	10,000,000
Deposits in transit	-		-	
Outstanding checks	(52,708)		<u>(52,708)</u>	
BankIowa Balance			<u>5,698,862</u>	
Cash on Hand	<u>800</u>		<u>800</u>	
Total Balance	<u>\$ 3,052,675</u>	<u>3,600,000</u>	<u>6,652,675</u>	

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunication

Schedule of Operating Expenses

Years Ended December 31, 2014 and 2013

	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Generation Expenses:		
Fuel oil expense	\$ 4,084	5,152
Natural gas - boiler	-	18,508
Operating expenses	86	2,014
Generating vacation and sick leave	(7,983)	16,787
Supervision	-	75,644
Maintenance of generators and equipment	2,123	31,214
Miscellaneous generation expenses	136,663	110,278
	<u>134,973</u>	<u>259,597</u>
Purchased Power and Transmission Expenses:		
Purchased power	6,087,329	5,614,801
Station - transmission	620	7,699
Transmission of electricity	117,567	54,824
Maintenance of plant - transmission	54	389
Miscellaneous transmission expenses	3,580	3,493
	<u>6,209,150</u>	<u>5,681,206</u>
Distribution Expenses:		
Operation and maintenance of overhead	62,330	85,915
Operation and maintenance of underground	39,424	36,338
Operation and maintenance of transformers	3,344	4,477
Operation and maintenance of street lights	183	669
Operation and maintenance of security lights	5,513	2,695
Operation and maintenance of meters	8,697	12,306
Operation and maintenance of customer services	39,588	50,434
Operation and maintenance of substation	2,035	28,181
Distribution supervision	76,631	107,122
General distribution labor	35,097	34,650
Distribution vacation and sick leave	57,873	50,935
Miscellaneous distribution expenses	41,365	59,625
	<u>372,080</u>	<u>473,347</u>
Customer Accounts Expense:		
Customer records and collections	77,669	88,749
Bad debt expense	1,178	8,227
Meter reading	22,905	23,610
	<u>101,752</u>	<u>120,586</u>

Administration and General Expenses:		
Office salaries	293,233	291,101
Office vacation and sick leave	87,859	101,258
Property insurance	91,712	111,921
Outside services	47,573	67,448
Office supplies, telephone, and postage	19,653	21,294
Employer FICA	81,818	97,787
Employer IPERS	96,086	105,865
Maintenance - general	13,028	10,460
Miscellaneous expense	109,403	95,347
Uniforms	8,904	9,049
Safety expenses and equipment	16,325	17,196
Employee benefits	227,647	225,822
Energy efficiency programs	11,443	26,339
Marketing	5,474	4,330
Transportation	59,308	64,831
	<u>1,169,466</u>	<u>1,250,048</u>
Cable and internet expenses	<u>1,779,970</u>	<u>1,652,067</u>
Depreciation and amortization expenses	<u>895,199</u>	<u>960,578</u>
Benefits to Community and City:		
Cash donations to city	156,000	156,000
Labor benefits to city	23,835	16,897
Community benefits	58,034	112,144
	<u>237,869</u>	<u>285,041</u>
Total Operating Expenses	<u>\$ 10,900,459</u>	<u>10,682,470</u>

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunication
Combining Statement of Net Position
December 31, 2014

	ILP	ITU	Combined
ASSETS:			
Current Assets:			
Cash	\$ 1,358,089	\$ 1,512,529	\$ 2,870,618
Accounts receivable	703,894	248,897	952,791
Unbilled revenues receivable	192,939	-	192,939
Interest receivable	4,888	-	4,888
Investment Income receivable	9,706	-	9,706
Inventory	152,592	132,886	285,478
Prepaid expenses	26,082	8,105	34,187
Total Current Assets	2,448,190	1,902,417	4,350,607
Board Designated Funds:			
Transmission capital investment fund	266,365	-	266,365
Capital improvement fund	1,471,233	120,000	1,591,233
Retirement and severance fund	974,459	-	974,459
Self insurance fund	950,000	-	950,000
Total Board Designated Funds	3,662,057	120,000	3,782,057
Capital Assets	15,352,616	5,435,991	20,788,607
Less: Accumulated depreciation	(9,925,199)	(2,959,950)	(12,885,149)
Net Capital Assets	5,427,417	2,476,041	7,903,458
Other Assets:			
Note receivable - revolving loan fund	137,143	-	137,143
Note receivable - wvc	513,116	1,983,333	2,496,449
Construction-in-process	42,674	-	42,674
Investment in transmission	180,152	-	180,152
Total Other Assets	873,085	1,983,333	2,856,418
Total Assets	\$ 12,410,749	\$ 6,481,791	\$ 18,892,540
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION:			
Current Liabilities:			
Accounts Payable	\$ 716,098	\$ 125,302	\$ 841,400
Unearned Revenue	12,500	-	12,500
Accrued wages payable	30,285	15,845	46,130
Accrued vacation and sick pay	336,400	128,911	465,311
Other accrued expenses	6,937	25,643	32,580
Current portion of long term debt	364,130	200,000	564,130
Total Current Liabilities	1,466,350	495,701	1,962,051
Other Liabilities:			
Accrued retirement insurance	345,904	-	345,904
Note Payable - USDA RLF	300,000	-	300,000
Note Payable - USDA WVC net of current portion	442,340	1,783,333	2,225,673
Electric revenue project note payable	-	-	-
Net of current portion of long-term debt	-	-	-
Total Other Liabilities	1,088,244	1,783,333	2,871,577
Net Position:			
Net investment in capital assets	5,134,063	2,476,041	7,610,104
Unrestricted net position	4,722,092	1,726,716	6,448,808
Total Net Position	9,856,155	4,202,757	14,058,912
Total Liabilities and Net Position	\$ 12,410,749	\$ 6,481,791	\$ 18,892,540

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunication
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position
December 31, 2014

	ILP	ITU	Combined
Operating Revenues:			
Sales to customers	\$ 8,536,981	\$ 2,904,192	\$ 11,441,173
Miscellaneous operating revenue	53,523	31,455	84,978
Total Operating Revenue	8,590,504	2,935,647	11,526,151
Operating expenses:			
Generation expenses	134,973	-	134,973
Purchased power and transmission expenses	6,209,150	-	6,209,150
Distribution expenses	372,080	-	372,080
Customer account expenses	101,752	-	101,752
Administration and general expenses	697,414	472,052	1,169,466
Cable and internet expenses	10,395	1,769,575	1,779,970
Depreciation and amortization expenses	446,279	448,920	895,199
Benefits to community and city	237,486	383	237,869
Total Operating Expenses	8,209,529	2,690,930	10,900,459
Total Operating Income	380,975	244,717	625,692
Non-Operating Revenues(Expenses):			
Interest income	31,555	11,484	43,039
Interest expense	(41,588)	-	(41,588)
Gain (loss) on disposal of assets	(72,893)	(20,375)	(93,268)
Other revenue	122,183	8,836	131,019
Total Non-Operating Revenues (Expenses)	39,257	(55)	39,202
Changes in Net Position	420,232	244,662	664,894
Net Position, beginning of year	9,330,923	4,063,095	13,394,018
Inter-entity transfer	105,000	(105,000)	-
Net Position, end of year	\$ 9,856,155	\$ 4,202,757	\$ 14,058,912

Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications
 Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
 Year ended December 31, 2014

Grantor / Program	CFDA Number	Agency or Pass-through Number	Program Expenditures
Direct:			
U.S. Department of Agriculture:			
Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants	10.854	n/a	<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>
Total			<u>\$ 2,000,000</u>

Basis of Presentation - The Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards includes the federal grant activity of Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications Utilities and is presented on the accrual or modified accrual basis of accounting. The information in this schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Therefore, some amounts presented in this schedule may differ from amounts presented in, or used in the preparation of, the basic financial statements.

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Independent Auditor's Report 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 Trustees
Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications
Independence, Iowa 50644

We have audited in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Governmental Auditing Standards issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the business type activities of Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications, Independence, Iowa, as of and for the years ended December 31, 2014 and 2013, and the related Notes to Financial Statements, which collectively comprise the Utilities' basic financial statements, and have issued our reports thereon dated July 22, 2015.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit of the financial statements, we considered Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications' internal control over financial reporting to determine the audit procedures 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 Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications' internal control. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications' 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 and Questioned Costs, we identified a deficiency in internal control we consider to be a material weakness and a deficiency in internal control we consider to be a significant deficiency.

A deficiency in internal control exists when the design and 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 Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications' financial statements will not be prevented or detected and corrected on a timely basis. We consider the deficiency described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item II-A-14 to be a material weakness.

A significant deficiency is a deficiency, or a combination of deficiencies, in internal control which is less severe than a material weakness, yet important enough to merit attention by those

charged with governance. We consider the deficiency described in Part II of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as item II-B-14 to be a significant deficiency.

Compliance and Other Matters

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications' 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 non-compliance or other matters that are required to be reported under Governmental Auditing Standards. However we noted certain immaterial instances of non-compliance or other matters which are described in Part IV of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Comments involving statutory and other legal matters about the Utilities' operations for the year ended December 31, 2014 are based exclusively on knowledge obtained from procedures performed during our audit of the financial statements of the Utilities. Since our audit was based on tests and samples, not all transactions 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 those statutes.

Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications' Responses to Findings

Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications' responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications' responses were not subjected 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 result of that testing and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the Utilities' internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards in considering the Utilities' 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 Independence Light & Power, Telecommunications during the course of our audit. Should you have any questions concerning the above matters, we shall be pleased to discuss them with you at your convenience.



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Independent Auditor's Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program
and on Internal Control over Compliance Required by OMB Circular A-133

To the Board of Trustees
Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications
Independence, Iowa 50644

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Circular A-133 Compliance Supplement that could have a direct and material effect on Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2014. Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' major federal program is identified in Part I of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with the requirements of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements applicable to its federal programs.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' major federal program based on our audit of the types of compliance requirements referred to above. We conducted our audit of compliance in accordance with U.S. generally accepted auditing standards, the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, and OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations. Those standards and OMB Circular A-133 require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether non-compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on a major federal program occurred. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence about Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion on compliance for the major federal program. However, our audit does not provide a legal determination on Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' compliance.

Opinion on Each Major Federal Program

In our opinion, Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications complied, in all material respects, with the types of compliance requirements referred to above that could have a direct and material effect on its major federal program for the year ended December 31, 2014.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

The management of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications is responsible for establishing and maintaining effective internal control over compliance with the types of compliance requirements referred to above. In planning and performing our audit of compliance, we considered Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control over compliance with the types of requirements that could have a direct and material effect on the major federal program to determine the auditing procedures appropriate in the circumstances for the purpose of expressing an opinion on compliance for the major federal program and to test and report on internal control over compliance in accordance with OMB Circular A-133, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of internal control over compliance. Accordingly, we do not express an opinion on the effectiveness of Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications' internal control over compliance.

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

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

The purpose of this report on internal control over compliance is solely to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over compliance and the results of that testing based on the requirements of OMB Circular A-133. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

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July 22, 2015

Part I: Summary of the Independent Auditor's Results:

- (a) Unmodified opinions were issued on the financial statements.
- (b) A material weakness and significant deficiency in internal control over financial reporting were disclosed by the audit of the financial statements.
- (c) The audit did not disclose any non-compliance which is material to the financial statements.
- (d) No material weaknesses in internal control over the major program were noted.
- (e) An unmodified opinion was issued on compliance with requirements applicable to the major program.
- (f) The audit disclosed no audit findings which were required to be reported in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133, Section .510(a).
- (g) The major program was CFDA Number 10.854 – Rural Economic Development Loans and Grants.
- (h) The dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs was \$300,000.
- (i) Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications did not qualify as a low-risk auditee.

Part II: Findings Related to the Financial Statements:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

II-A-14 Segregation of Duties – One important aspect of internal control is the segregation of duties among employees to prevent an individual employee from handling duties which are incompatible. These incompatible duties can be summarized into four general categories: Custody, Authorization, Record-Keeping and Review. Ideally, separate individuals have control over each of the duties listed (not a comprehensive listing) within the following areas for the Utilities:

- (1) Cash – handling, reconciling and recording.
- (2) Receipts – opening mail, collecting, depositing, journalizing, reconciling and posting.
- (3) Disbursements – purchasing, invoice processing, check writing, mailing, reconciling and recording.
- (4) Payroll – recordkeeping, preparation and distribution.
- (5) Utilities – billing, collecting, depositing and posting.
- (6) Financial reporting – preparation and reconciling.
- (7) Journal entries – preparing and journalizing.

Recommendation – We realize segregation of duties is difficult with a limited number of employees. However, the Utilities should continue to review its control procedures to obtain the maximum internal control possible under the circumstances utilizing currently available staff, including elected officials.

Response – Independence Light and Power, Telecommunications is a small municipal utility with an office staff consisting of two billing clerks, one accounts payable clerk, one receptionist and an office manager. The billing clerks, accounts payable clerk and receptionist can receipt in cash and checks. Balancing the two cash drawers to the cash receipts software is rotated on a daily basis, depending on workload. The billing clerks prepare the deposit tickets. All cash customers are given a receipt and all others are asked if they want a receipt. A printed receipt is put in the cash drawer for all cash and checks received listing the dollar amount and become part of our permanent records. The office manager and billing clerks investigate any customer complaints regarding receipts. In a municipal utility, there are serious consequences for delinquent invoices, therefore, if a customer has paid their invoice and has not received credit for it they will probably file a complaint. Our software allows searches on a specific dollar amount paid and receipts can be physically

looked at as they are filed by date received and batch in which they were entered. A software generated tape of the receipts is attached to the grouping.

The accounts payable clerk enters invoices and prepares checks. Invoices are approved by the general manager or assistant general manager. All checks require two signatures by either the general manager, the assistant general manager, or the office manager. The office manager reconciles the bank statement each month and prepares a report for the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees approves all payments. All checking account withdrawals and deposits are tied back to the accounting software.

All payroll timesheets are approved by department supervisors and is prepared by the office manager. The general manager approves timesheets for supervisors and reviews all deposit advises.

Conclusion – Response acknowledged.

- II-B-14 Preparation of 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 U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). The Utilities do not have an internal control system designed to provide for the preparation of the financial statements, including 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 to those charged with governance.

As auditors, we were requested to draft the financial statements and accompanying notes to the financial statements. The outsourcing of these services is not unusual in an entity of this size.

Recommendation – We realize that obtaining the expertise necessary to prepare the financial statements, including necessary disclosures, in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles can be considered costly and ineffective. However, it is the responsibility of the Utilities' 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 time 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 an ongoing basis. Internal financial statements are prepared monthly for reporting and decision making purposes. The requirements and form of the audited statements are different than the internal needs and change occasionally. Given the size of the organization, it is helpful to rely on the expertise of the auditors to monitor those requirements.

Conclusion – Response acknowledged.

Part III: Findings and Questioned Costs for Federal Awards:

INSTANCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE:

No matters were noted.

INTERNAL CONTROL DEFICIENCIES:

No material weaknesses in internal control over the major program were noted.

Part IV: Other Findings Related to Required Statutory Reporting:

IV-A-14 Certified Budget – Disbursements during the year ended December 31, 2014 exceeded the amount budgeted in the business-type function. Chapter 384.20 of the Code of Iowa states, in part, “Public monies may not be expended or encumbered except under an annual or continuing appropriation.”

Recommendation – The budget should have been amended in accordance with Chapter 384.18 of the Code of Iowa before disbursements were allowed to exceed the budget.

Response – The budget will be amended in the future, when applicable.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-B-14 Questionable Disbursements – We noted no questionable disbursements that may not meet the requirements of public purpose as defined in an Attorney General’s opinion dated April 25, 1979.

IV-C-14 Travel Expense – No expenditures of Utility money for travel expenses of spouses of Utility officials or employees were noted.

IV-D-14 Business Transactions – There were no material business transactions between the Utility and Utility officials or employees.

IV-E-14 Bond Coverage – Surety bond coverage of Utility officials and employees is in accordance with statutory provisions. The amount of coverage should be reviewed annually to insure the coverage is adequate for current operations.

IV-F-14 Board of Trustees Minutes – No transactions were found that we believe should have been approved in the Board of Trustee minutes but were not.

An instance was noted where the published minutes did not contain a summary of all receipts as required by Chapter 372.13(6) of the Code of Iowa. Similarly, although minutes of the Board of Trustee proceedings were published, we noted several instances where they were not published within fifteen days.

Recommendation – The Utilities should comply with Chapter 372.13(6) of the Code of Iowa and should publish minutes and a summary of all receipts as required.

Response – We will publish minutes and a summary of receipts as required.

Conclusion – Response accepted.

IV-G-14 Deposits and Investments – No instances of noncompliance with the deposit and investment provisions of Chapter 12B and 12C of the Code of Iowa and the Utilities’ investment policies were noted.

IV-H-14 Revenue Notes – No instances of noncompliance with the Electric Revenue Note provisions were noted.

IV-I-14 Telecommunication Services – No instances of non-compliance with Chapter 388.10 of the Code of Iowa were noted.