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**PLEASANT VALLEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
ROSS COUNTY**

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## REPORT OF INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS

Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District  
Ross County  
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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District, Ross County, Ohio, (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As discussed in Note 1, the District prepares its financial statements on the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances of Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District, Ross County, Ohio as of December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated June 27, 2002 on our consideration of the District's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management, the Board of Trustees, and other officials authorized to receive this report under § 117.26, Ohio Revised Code, and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties.

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**JIM PETRO**  
Auditor of State

June 27, 2002

**PLEASANT VALLEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
ROSS COUNTY**

**STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIPTS, CASH DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGES IN CASH BALANCES  
FOR THE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND 2000**

|  | <u>2001</u>         | <u>2000</u>         |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Operating Cash Receipts:</b>          |                     |                     |
| Sewer Collections                        | \$ 649,250          | \$ 593,088          |
| Taps and Permits                         | 50,275              | 100,398             |
| Miscellaneous                            | 54,814              | 79,859              |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| Total Operating Cash Receipts            | 754,339             | 773,345             |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>Operating Cash Disbursements:</b>     |                     |                     |
| Utilities                                | 52,965              | 47,590              |
| Plant Expense                            | 140,307             | 131,685             |
| Payroll                                  | 147,774             | 154,626             |
| Professional Fees & Services             | 146,007             | 77,958              |
| Insurance Expense                        | 19,943              | 30,366              |
| Office Supplies and Materials            | 11,573              | 12,952              |
| Capital Outlay                           | 2,046,794           | 225,430             |
| Miscellaneous                            | 25,201              | 23,992              |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| Total Operating Cash Disbursements       | 2,590,564           | 704,599             |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| Operating Income/(Loss)                  | (1,836,225)         | 68,746              |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>Non-Operating Cash Receipts:</b>      |                     |                     |
| Intergovernmental Revenues               | 433,852             | 28,909              |
| Proceeds from O.W.D.A. Loans             | 1,711,876           | 244,032             |
| Interest Earnings                        | 54,533              | 76,289              |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| Total Non-Operating Cash Receipts        | 2,200,261           | 349,230             |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| <b>Non-Operating Cash Disbursements:</b> |                     |                     |
| Debt Service                             | 207,861             | 306,435             |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| Total Non-Operating Cash Disbursements   | 207,861             | 306,435             |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| Net Receipts Over/(Under) Disbursements  | 156,175             | 111,541             |
|  | <hr/>               | <hr/>               |
| Cash Balances, January 1                 | 1,416,493           | 1,304,952           |
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| <b>Cash Balances, December 31</b>        | <b>\$ 1,572,668</b> | <b>\$ 1,416,493</b> |
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*The notes to the financial statements are an integral part of this statement.*

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**PLEASANT VALLEY REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT  
ROSS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND DECEMBER 31, 2000**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**A. Description of the Entity**

The Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District, Ross County, Ohio (the District) is a body corporate and politic established to exercise the rights and privileges conveyed to it by the constitution and laws of the State of Ohio. The District is directed by a five-member Board of Trustees. One Board member is appointed by each political subdivision within the District. The District provides sewer services to residents of the District.

The District's management believes these financial statements present all activities for which the District is financially accountable.

**B. Basis of Accounting**

These financial statements follow the basis of accounting prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State, which is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements basis of accounting. Receipts are recognized when received in cash rather than when earned, and disbursements are recognized when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as prescribed or permitted by the Auditor of State.

**C. Deposits and Investments**

Investments are reported as assets. Accordingly, purchases of investments are not recorded as disbursements, and sales of investments are not recorded as receipts. Gains or losses at the time of sale are recorded as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

Certificates of deposit are valued at cost. STAR Ohio is recorded at share values reported by the fund.

**D. Budgetary Process**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to adopt an annual budget.

**1. Appropriations**

Budgetary expenditures (that is, disbursements and encumbrances) may not exceed appropriations at the function level of control and appropriations may not exceed estimated resources. Appropriation Authority includes current year appropriations plus encumbrances carried over from the prior year (if any). The Board must annually approve appropriation measures and subsequent amendments. Appropriations lapse at year end.

**2. Estimated Resources**

Estimated resources include estimates of cash to be received (budgeted receipts) plus cash as of January 1.

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ROSS COUNTY**

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND DECEMBER 31, 2000  
(Continued)**

**1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)**

**D. Budgetary Process (Continued)**

**3. Encumbrances**

The Ohio Revised Code requires the District to reserve (encumber) appropriations when commitments are made. Encumbrances outstanding at year end are canceled, and reappropriated in the subsequent year.

A summary of 2001 and 2000 budgetary activity appears in Note 3.

**E. Property, Plant and Equipment**

Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment are recorded as capital outlay disbursements when paid. These items are not reflected as assets on the accompanying financial statements.

**F. Accumulated Leave**

In certain circumstances, such as upon leaving employment, employees are entitled to cash payments for unused leave. Unpaid leave is not reflected as a liability under the District's basis of accounting.

**2. EQUITY IN CASH AND INVESTMENTS**

The carrying amount of cash and investments at December 31 was as follows:

|                                    | <u>2001</u>            | <u>2000</u>            |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| Demand deposits                    | \$332,322              | \$318,971              |
| Certificates of deposit            | 22,265                 | 20,083                 |
| Total deposits                     | <u>354,587</u>         | <u>339,054</u>         |
| <br>STAR Ohio                      | <br>1,218,081          | <br>1,077,439          |
| <br>Total deposits and investments | <br><u>\$1,572,668</u> | <br><u>\$1,416,493</u> |

**Deposits:** Deposits are either insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation, or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

**Investments:** Investments in STAR Ohio are not evidenced by securities that exist in physical or book-entry form.

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DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND DECEMBER 31, 2000  
(Continued)**

**3. BUDGETARY ACTIVITY**

Budgetary activity for the years ending December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000 follows:

| <b>Budgeted vs. Actual Receipts</b> |             |               |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Fund Type                           | 2001        | 2000          |
| Budgeted Receipts                   | \$3,455,879 | \$3,487,100   |
| Actual Receipts                     | 2,954,600   | 1,122,575     |
| Variance                            | (\$501,279) | (\$2,364,525) |

| <b>Budgeted vs. Actual Budgetary Basis Expenditures</b> |             |             |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Fund Type   | 2001        | 2000        |
| Appropriation Authority                                 | \$3,149,822 | \$3,279,677 |
| Budgetary Expenditures                                  | 2,798,425   | 1,011,034   |
| Variance  | \$351,397   | \$2,268,643 |

**4. DEBT**

Debt outstanding at December 31, 2001 was as follows:

|                     | Principal   | Interest Rate |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Sewer Revenue Bonds | \$712,000   | 5.00%         |
| OWDA Loan # 2468    | 196,337     | 4.16%         |
| OWDA Loan # 2469    | 11,454      | 4.12%         |
| OWDA Loan # 2470    | 129,082     | 4.12%         |
| OWDA Loan # 2471    | 183,678     | 4.12%         |
| OWDA Loan # 3325    | 2,315,928   | 4.16%         |
| Total               | \$3,548,479 |               |

The District issued Sewer Revenue Bonds totaling \$1,143,000 in 1994 for sewer construction and acquisition projects. The District makes annual principal and interest payments as noted in the schedule below. The sewer plant property and generated revenues there from have been pledged to repay this debt. The payments are payable through January, 2017.

The Ohio Water Development Authority (OWDA) loans proceeds were used to expand the existing sewer plant. The loans are being repaid in semiannual installments over 20 years with the last payment due in January, 2018.

Amortization of the above debt, including interest, is scheduled as follows:

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**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
DECEMBER 31, 2001 AND DECEMBER 31, 2000  
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| Year Ending<br>December 31: | Sewer<br>Revenue<br>Bonds | OWDA 2468        | OWDA 2469       | OWDA 2470        | OWDA 2471        | OWDA 3325          |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| 2002                        | \$68,600                  | \$18,169         | \$1,057         | \$11,351         | \$15,790         | \$186,690          |
| 2003                        | 68,950                    | 18,169           | 1,057           | 11,351           | 15,790           | 186,690            |
| 2004                        | 68,200                    | 18,169           | 1,057           | 11,351           | 15,790           | 186,690            |
| 2005                        | 68,400                    | 18,169           | 1,057           | 11,351           | 15,790           | 186,690            |
| 2006                        | 68,500                    | 18,169           | 1,057           | 11,351           | 15,790           | 186,690            |
| Subsequent                  | 686,600                   | 172,601          | 10,042          | 119,183          | 173,690          | 2,707,000          |
| Total                       | <u>\$1,029,250</u>        | <u>\$263,446</u> | <u>\$15,327</u> | <u>\$175,938</u> | <u>\$252,640</u> | <u>\$3,640,450</u> |

**5. RETIREMENT SYSTEMS**

The District's full-time employees belong to the Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) of Ohio. PERS is a cost-sharing, multiple-employer plan. This plan provides retirement benefits, including postretirement healthcare, and survivor and disability benefits to participants as prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code.

Contribution rates are also prescribed by the Ohio Revised Code. For 2001 and 2000, PERS members contributed 8.5% of their gross salaries. The District contributed an amount equal to 13.55% of participants' gross salaries through June 30, 2000. PERS temporarily reduced employer contributions to 8.13% effective July 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000. The District has paid all contributions required through December 31, 2001.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

The District has obtained commercial insurance for the following risks:

- Comprehensive property and general liability;
- Vehicles; and
- Errors and omissions

The District also provides health insurance, life insurance and dental and vision coverage to full-time employees through a private carrier.



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL REQUIRED  
BY GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

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To the Board of Trustees:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Pleasant Valley Regional Sewer District, Ross County (the District) as of and for the years ended December 31, 2001 and December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated June 27, 2002. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

**Compliance**

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether the District's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instance of noncompliance that is required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*. However we noted an immaterial instance of noncompliance that we have reported to the management of the District in a separate letter dated June 27, 2002.

**Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the District's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. We noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be material weaknesses. However, we noted other matters involving the internal control over financial reporting that do not require inclusion in this report, that we have reported to management of the District in a separate letter dated June 27, 2002.

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Ross County  
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June 27, 2002



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**ROSS COUNTY**

**CLERK'S CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.**

*Susan Babbitt*

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU**

**CERTIFIED  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2002**