

MARSHALLS ENERGY COMPANY, INC.

**(A COMPONENT UNIT OF THE REPUBLIC
OF THE MARSHALL ISLANDS)**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS,
ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND
INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT**

**YEARS ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2017 and 2016
(AS RESTATED)**

MARSHALLS ENERGY COMPANY, INC.
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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors
Marshalls Energy Company, Inc.:

Report on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of the Marshalls Energy Company, Inc. (MEC), a component unit of the Republic of the Marshall Islands, which comprise the statements of net position as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related statements of revenues, expenses and changes in net position and of cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity'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 entity's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Marshalls Energy Company, Inc. as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Emphasis-of-Matter

Restatement

As discussed in Note 12 to the financial statements, the 2016 financial statements have been restated to correct an error. Our opinion is not modified with respect to this matter.

Other Matters

Required Supplementary Information

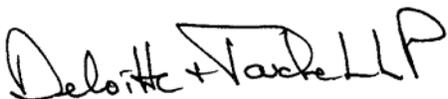
Accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America require that the Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 to 7 be presented to supplement the financial statements. Such information, although not a part of the financial statements, is required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board who considers it to be an essential part of financial reporting for placing the financial statements in an appropriate operational, economic, or historical context. We have applied certain limited procedures to the required supplementary information in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America, which consisted of inquiries of management about the methods of preparing the information and comparing the information for consistency with management's responses to our inquiries, the financial statements, and other knowledge we obtained during our audit of the financial statements. We do not express an opinion or provide any assurance on the information because the limited procedures do not provide us with sufficient evidence to express an opinion or provide any assurance.

Other Supplementary Information

Our audits were conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The Other Supplementary Information listed in the accompanying table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the financial statements. The Other Supplementary Information is the responsibility of MEC's management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Other Supplementary Information is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the financial statements as a whole.

Other Reporting Required by Government Auditing Standards

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated May 9, 2018, on our consideration of MEC's internal control over financial reporting and on our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements and other matters. The purpose of that report is to describe the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance and the results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or on compliance. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering MEC's internal control over financial reporting and compliance.



May 9, 2018

MARSHALLS ENERGY COMPANY, INC.
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Management's Discussion and Analysis
Years Ended September 30, 2017 and 2016

Marshalls Energy Company, Inc. (MEC) herewith presents a discussion and analysis of the company's financial performance for the fiscal year ended 30th September, 2017. It is to be read in conjunction with the financial statements following this section.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

MEC's net position increased by \$3.0 million in fiscal year 2017 compared to an increase of \$6.5 million in fiscal year 2016. In 2017, total net utility operating revenues were \$17.9 million, an increase of \$0.8 million from \$17.1 million in net utility operating revenues in 2016. Total utility operating expenses were \$17.1 million and \$14.4 million in 2017 and 2016, respectively. The increase of \$2.7 million or the same rate of 19% is mainly attributed to the fuel cost component of \$1.5 million and increase in Cost of power of \$0.8 million. Fuel cost continues to be a significant component of generation operating costs and represents 47% of total operating costs in 2017 compared to 45% in 2016. The increase in Cost of power of \$0.8 million mainly relates to accrued expenditures of \$0.6 million relating to engine#5 repair maintenance works. In February 2017, a fire on engine#5 rendered it inoperable with an anticipated 12 month repair schedule.

Total net operating revenues for non-utility operations, fuel sales being the major component, were \$13.2 million and \$12.0 million in 2017 and 2016, respectively. Total non-utility operating expenses increased by \$1.6 million, from \$10.3 million in 2016 to \$12.0 million in 2017. The increase relates to the increase in global fuel prices in 2017 compared to 2016.

MEC was awarded the State Bulk Fuel Revolving Fund Grant from RUS in 2015 in the amount of \$1.0 million for the establishment of a bulk fuel revolving loan fund to assist in reducing the cost of securing adequate fuel supplies for its operations with \$0.1m being recognized as a grant in 2015 and the remaining balance of \$0.9m being recognized in 2016.

In 2016, MEC received \$726,263 under the Japan Government Non-Project Grant Aid for fuel support; \$275,952 from this amount was repaid to REPMAR into the fund in the amounts of \$91,869 and \$183,968 in 2017 and 2016, respectively.

MEC received subsidies from REPMAR in the amount of \$1.8 million in 2017 compared to subsidies of \$0.9 million in 2016. \$0.6 million was received as cost recovery for the operations of Wotje and Jaluit power plants and \$0.5 million for assistance and support to fund the gap in solar tariff for maintenance services towards solar unit in the outer islands and \$0.7 million to cover capital improvement projects and related expenditures for part acquisition and maintenance to the Wotje and Jaluit systems.

During the year, following the fire on Engine#5 and Pielstick engine issues with #1 and #2 requiring long hours of maintenance work and parts becoming more difficult to find or reproduce, it was decided that engine#3 parts would be used to improve the operations of engine#1 and #2 to ensure continuous power supply. Engine#3, which had accumulated work-in-progress, was deemed impaired and written off during the year as Impairment loss amounting to \$1.4 million. Insurance claim, relating to the fire, was recorded as other non-operating income in the amount of \$0.6 million and \$0.3 million accrued engine works was reversed due to the realized impairment. This describes the major items in 2017 relating to total non-operating income, net.

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FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF MEC

The Statements of Net Position and the Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position provide an indication of MEC's financial condition. MEC's net position reflects the difference between total assets and total liabilities. An increase in net assets over time normally indicates an improvement in financial condition. As illustrated in the figures below, MEC's net position increased for the year ended 30th September, 2017.

In 2017, MEC determined that prior year RUS long-term debt was understated by \$0.4 million. As a result, long-term debt was restated from amounts previously reported. Refer Note 12 for additional information on this restatement.

The Summary Statements of Net Position for MEC is presented below:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u> <u>(As Restated)</u>	<u>2015</u> <u>(As Restated)</u>
Current and other assets	\$ 16,188,122	\$ 11,774,771	\$ 10,340,051
Capital assets	<u>8,230,984</u>	<u>10,694,777</u>	<u>11,321,403</u>
Total assets	<u>24,419,106</u>	<u>22,469,548</u>	<u>21,661,454</u>
Current and other liabilities	8,648,328	8,259,478	12,503,756
Long-term debt	<u>9,398,560</u>	<u>10,795,817</u>	<u>12,250,562</u>
Total liabilities	<u>18,046,888</u>	<u>19,055,295</u>	<u>24,754,318</u>
Net position:			
Net investment in capital assets	5,276,571	7,244,945	6,796,824
Restricted	238,794	312,308	-
Unrestricted	<u>856,853</u>	<u>(4,143,000)</u>	<u>(9,889,688)</u>
Total net position	<u>\$ 6,372,218</u>	<u>\$ 3,414,253</u>	<u>\$ (3,092,864)</u>

Total assets increased by \$1.9 million (or 9%) from 2016 to 2017 and increased by \$0.8 million from 2015 to \$22.5 million in 2016. The increase in total assets mainly relates to the net impact of decrease in capital assets of \$2.5 million and increase in current and other assets of \$4.4 million. The decrease in capital assets of \$2.5 million relates to annual depreciation of \$1.1 million and the transfer of \$1.4 million from construction work in progress to impairment loss relating to engine#3 repair works, which was deemed impaired during the year following a fire that occurred to engine#5.

The increase in current and other assets of \$4.4 million mainly relates to increase in cash of \$2.2 million and increase in net accounts receivable of \$1.2 million, which mainly relates to the increase in KAJUR's account receivable for fuel purchases and increase in fuel and supplies of \$0.6 million and prepayments of \$0.4 million.

Construction work in progress as of September 30, 2017 consists of tank refurbishment works.

Refer to note #5 to the accompanying financial statements for additional information relating to capital assets.

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Total liabilities decreased by \$1.0 million from \$19.0 million in 2016 to \$18.0 million in 2017. The decrease relates to the net impact in the decrease in long-term debt of \$1.4 million and increase in current liabilities of \$0.4m. Refer to note #6 to the accompanying financial statements for additional information relating to long-term debt.

A summary of MEC's Statements of Revenues, Expenses and Changes in Net Position are presented below:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Revenue:			
Utility revenue	\$ 17,895,474	\$ 17,087,488	\$ 16,362,849
Non-utility revenue	<u>13,181,277</u>	<u>12,003,501</u>	<u>20,534,640</u>
Total revenue	<u>31,076,751</u>	<u>29,090,989</u>	<u>36,897,489</u>
Expenses:			
Utility expenses	17,132,725	14,411,062	17,459,394
Non-utility expenses	<u>11,954,964</u>	<u>10,318,720</u>	<u>18,439,898</u>
Total expenses	<u>29,087,689</u>	<u>24,729,782</u>	<u>35,899,292</u>
Operating profit	<u>1,989,062</u>	<u>4,361,207</u>	<u>998,197</u>
RMI subsidy	1,140,800	942,400	475,168
Impairment loss	(1,396,717)	-	-
Reversal of accrued building & engine repairs	300,000	-	-
Other grants	-	1,695,383	80,880
Interest expense	(302,057)	(307,905)	(555,692)
Other non-operating income	646,170	-	-
Contributions to RepMar	<u>(91,869)</u>	<u>(183,968)</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>296,327</u>	<u>2,145,910</u>	<u>356</u>
Capital contributions	672,576	-	255,078
Change in net position	<u>\$ 2,957,965</u>	<u>\$ 6,507,117</u>	<u>\$ 1,253,631</u>

The Statements of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Net Position identify the various revenue and expense items that contributed to the change in net position. MEC's total revenue increased in 2017 by \$2.0 million (or 7%) to a total of \$31.0 million compared to \$29.0 million in 2016.

Utility revenue increased by \$0.8 million (or 5%) from \$17.1 million in 2016 to \$17.9 million in 2017. The slight increase relates to increase in cash power sales compared to 2016.

Non-Utility revenue is mainly fuel sales. Non-utility revenue increased by \$1.1 million (or 10%) in 2017 to \$13.1 million compared to \$12.0 million in 2016. The increase relates to increase in global fuel prices in 2017.

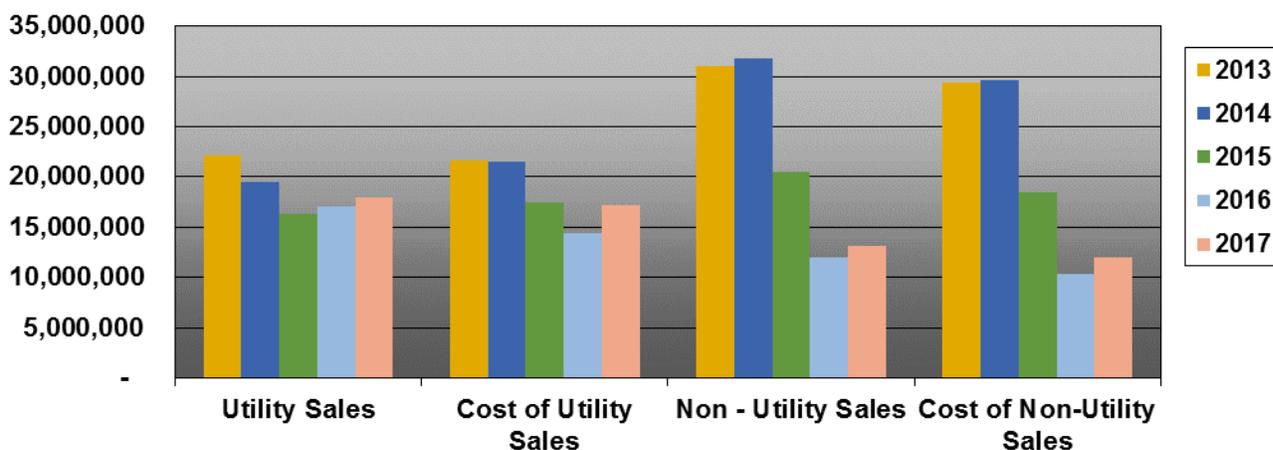
The operating earnings in 2017 was \$2.0 million compared to \$4.4 million and \$1.0 million in 2016 and 2015, respectively.

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Total expenses increased by \$4.4 million from \$24.7 million in 2016 to \$29.1 million in 2017. Non-utility expenses increased by \$1.6 million while utility expenses increased by \$2.7 million.

The graphic below shows the major components of the Statement of Revenue & Expenditures trend for the past five years:



Management's Discussion and Analysis for the year ended September 30, 2016 is set forth in the report on the audit of MEC's financial statements dated April 19, 2017. That Discussion and Analysis explains the major factors impacting the 2016 financial statements.

MEC FOCUS IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR

MEC's focus in the coming fiscal year includes but not limited to:

- Revision and update of MEC's CRP and Strategic Plan. The CRP was an aggressive roadmap in MEC's efforts to revive the company's core operations and financials within a three year timeframe from 2010. While most of the objectives were completed by the end of 2016, there are several goals and objectives which are at various stages of progress and completion and these will be rolled over to the newly updated CRP which will be revised during 2018.
- Development of a business plan to incorporate changes and planned expansions within MEC.
- To perform a comprehensive review of the tariff structure to ensure that the current structure incorporates full cost recovery and asset replacement costs.
- To perform a comprehensive review of the non-utility operations with respect to fuel, propane and lube to ensure full cost recovery and competitive pricing and expand business where possible.
- To continue the cash power metering program and extend this program to include commercial and government customers.

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MEC FOCUS IN THE COMING FISCAL YEAR, CONTINUED

MEC's focus in the coming fiscal year includes but not limited to: , Continued

- To rehabilitate critical infrastructures at the power plant, fuel and propane areas.
- To develop and implement strict occupational, health and safety procedures.

ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL INFORMATION

This discussion and analysis is designed to provide MEC's customers and other stake holders with an overview of the company's operations and financial condition as at 30th September, 2017. Should the reader have questions regarding the information included in this report, or wish to request additional financial information, please contact the Marshalls Energy Company, Inc. Chief Executive Officer at P.O. Box 1439, Majuro, Marshall Islands, MH 96960.

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(1) Organization

The Marshalls Energy Company, Inc. (MEC) was granted a corporate charter by the Cabinet of the Republic of the Marshall Islands (RepMar) on February 2, 1984. MEC's principal lines of business are predominantly the generation and transmission of electricity and the buying and selling of petroleum products. Other lines of business include the rental of equipment and accommodation facilities. The principal markets for the generation and transmission of electricity are government agencies, businesses and residential customers located on the atolls of Majuro, Jaluit and Wotje. Petroleum products are sold primarily to foreign and domestic fishing vessels as well as the public utility company on the island of Ebeye.

An exclusive franchise to construct, maintain and operate a distribution system for furnishing electrical power within Majuro Atoll was granted to MEC by RepMar on March 8, 1983. Simultaneously, RepMar leased to MEC, for a nominal amount, a 12-megawatt power plant, a six million gallon capacity fuel storage facility, electrical transmission systems and related facilities on Majuro Atoll. The term of both the lease and the franchise is for a fifty year period commencing on December 1, 1996.

Pursuant to Cabinet Minute C.M. 162(93), RepMar leased to MEC, for a nominal amount, the right to operate and manage the power generating and distribution system in Jaluit Atoll effective November 1, 1993. The term of the lease is for a fifty year period commencing on December 1, 1996.

Through Cabinet action in October 2000, RepMar contracted MEC to develop, operate and maintain power generation systems on Wotje Atoll.

MEC is governed by a seven-member RMI Combined Utilities Board of Directors appointed by the Cabinet of RepMar. The RMI Combined Utilities Board of Directors also have governance over the Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources, Inc. and the Majuro Water and Sewer Company, Inc., which are component units of RepMar.

MEC's financial statements are incorporated into the financial statements of RepMar as a component unit.

(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The accounting policies of MEC conform to accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) as applicable to governmental entities, specifically proprietary funds.

MEC considers utility and nonutility revenues and costs that are directly related to the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity and fuel sale operations to be operating revenues and expenses. Revenues and expenses related to financing and other activities are reflected as nonoperating.

GASB Statement No. 34, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments*, as amended by GASB Statement No. 37, *Basic Financial Statements - and Management's Discussion and Analysis - for State and Local Governments: Omnibus*, GASB Statement No. 38, *Certain Financial Statement Note Disclosures*, and GASB Statement No. 61, *The Financial Reporting Entity: Omnibus - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 14 and 34*, establish financial reporting standards for governmental entities, which require that management's discussion and analysis of the financial activities be included with the basic financial statements and notes and modifies certain other financial statement disclosure requirements.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

To conform to these requirements, equity is presented in the following net position categories:

- Net investment in capital assets - capital assets, net of accumulated depreciation and related debt, plus construction or improvement of those assets.
- Restricted: Nonexpendable net position subject to externally imposed stipulations that require MEC to maintain such permanently. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, MEC does not have nonexpendable restricted net position. Expendable net position whose use by MEC is subject to externally imposed stipulations that can be fulfilled by actions of MEC pursuant to those stipulations or that expire with the passage of time. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, MEC has expendable net position amounting to \$238,794 and \$312,308, respectively.
- Unrestricted - net position that is not subject to externally imposed stipulations. Unrestricted net position may be designated for specific purposes by action of management or the Board of Directors or may otherwise be limited by contractual agreements with outside parties.

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

Basis of Accounting

Proprietary funds are accounted for on a flow of economic resources measurement focus. With this measurement focus, all assets and deferred outflows of resources, and liabilities and deferred inflows of resources associated with the operation of the fund are included in the statements of net position. Proprietary fund operating statements present increases and decreases in net position. The accrual basis of accounting is utilized by proprietary funds. Under this method, revenues are recorded when earned and expenses are recorded at the time liabilities are incurred.

Revenue Recognition

Sales of electricity are recorded as billed to customers on a monthly billing cycle basis. Unbilled revenues are not accrued as the most recent meter reading date approximates the end of the reporting period. Revenue from fuel and propane sales are billed to customers on a daily basis based on the actual quantity of fuel and propane delivered.

Cash and Time Certificates of Deposit

Custodial credit risk is the risk that in the event of a bank failure, MEC's deposits may not be returned to it. Such deposits are not covered by depository insurance and are either uncollateralized or collateralized with securities held by the pledging financial institution or held by the pledging financial institution but not in the depositor-government's name. MEC does not have a deposit policy for custodial credit risk.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Cash and Time Certificates of Deposit, Continued

For purposes of the statements of net position and cash flows, cash is defined as cash on hand and cash held in demand accounts. Deposits maintained in time certificates of deposit with original maturity dates greater than three months are separately classified. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, the carrying amount of cash and time certificates of deposit was \$5,149,230 and \$2,910,729, respectively, and the corresponding bank balances were \$5,171,477 and \$2,554,853, respectively. Of the bank balance amounts, \$765,852 and \$425,448, respectively, were maintained in a financial institution subject to Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insurance. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, bank deposits in the amount of \$250,000 were FDIC insured. The remaining bank deposits of \$4,405,625 and \$2,129,405, as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, were maintained in financial institutions not subject to depository insurance. MEC does not require collateralization of its cash deposits; therefore, deposit levels in excess of FDIC coverage are uncollateralized. Accordingly, these deposits were exposed to custodial credit risk.

Receivables

All receivables are due from government agencies, businesses and individuals located within the Republic of the Marshall Islands and are interest free and uncollateralized. The allowance for uncollectible accounts is stated at an amount which management believes will be adequate to absorb possible losses on accounts receivable that may become uncollectible based on evaluations of the collectability of these accounts and prior collection experience. Management determines the adequacy of the allowance for uncollectible accounts based upon review of the aged accounts receivable. The allowance is established through a provision for bad debts charged to expense. Bad debts are written off against the allowance on the specific identification method.

Fuel and Supplies

Fuel and supplies are valued at the lower of cost (moving average) or market (net realizable value).

Plant and Nonutility Property

Plant and nonutility property with a cost that equals or exceeds \$500 is capitalized. Such assets are stated at cost. Depreciation of plant and nonutility property and amortization of leasehold land and residences are calculated on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the respective assets. The estimated useful lives of these assets are as follows:

Power plant engines	20 years
Plant and machinery	3 - 10 years
Vehicles	2 - 4 years
Leasehold improvements	20 years
Residences	20 years
Fences and seawalls	10 years
Leasehold land	20 years
Solar power systems	15 years
Furniture and fixtures	3 - 5 years
Land and building	20 years

Costs pertaining to distribution and line supplies are expensed during the year of installation as MEC considers the estimated useful lives of these supplies to be less than one year.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

Deferred Outflows of Resources

In addition to assets, the statements of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred outflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents a consumption of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an outflow of resources (deduction of net position) until then. MEC has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

Deferred Inflows of Resources

In addition to liabilities, the statements of net position will sometimes report a separate section for deferred inflows of resources. This separate financial statement element represents an acquisition of net position that applies to a future period and so will not be recognized as an inflow of resources (additions to net position) until then. MEC has no items that qualify for reporting in this category.

Taxes

Corporate profits are not subject to income tax in the Republic of the Marshall Islands. The Government of the Republic of the Marshall Islands imposes a gross revenue tax of 3% on revenues. Pursuant to the Income Tax Act of 1989, as amended, sales of electricity by public utility companies are exempt from gross revenue tax. Accordingly, MEC is exempt from gross revenue tax on the sale of electric services. MEC is required to pay gross revenue tax on all other revenues. Pursuant to the Import Duties (MEC Exemption) Act of 2008, MEC is exempt from paying import duty on all types of fuel imported in the Republic of the Marshall Islands, including fuel imported for power generation and for commercial resale.

New Accounting Standards

During the year ended September 30, 2017, MEC implemented the following pronouncements:

- GASB Statement No. 73, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions and Related Assets That Are Not Within the Scope of GASB Statement 68, and Amendments to Certain Provisions of GASB Statements 67 and 68*, which aligns the reporting requirements for pensions and pension plans not covered in GASB Statements 67 and 68 with the reporting requirements in Statement 68.
- GASB Statement No. 74, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans*, which replaces Statements No. 43, *Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefit Plans Other Than Pension Plans, as amended*, and No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*, and addresses financial reporting requirements for governments whose employees are provided with postemployment benefits other than pensions (other postemployment benefits or OPEB).
- GASB Statement No. 77, *Tax Abatement Disclosures*, which requires governments that enter into tax abatement agreements to disclose certain information about the agreements.
- GASB Statement No. 78, *Pensions Provided through Certain Multiple-Employer Defined Benefit Pension Plans*, which addresses a practice issue regarding the scope and applicability of Statement No. 68, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions*.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

New Accounting Standards, Continued

- GASB Statement No. 80, *Blending Requirements for Certain Component Units - an amendment of GASB Statement No. 14*, which improves financial reporting by clarifying the financial statement presentation requirements for certain component units.
- GASB Statement No. 82, *Pension Issues - an amendment of GASB Statements No. 67, No. 68, and No. 73*, which addresses issues regarding (1) the presentation of payroll-related measures in required supplementary information, (2) the selection of assumptions and the treatment of deviations from the guidance in an Actuarial Standard of Practice for financial reporting purposes, and (3) the classification of payments made by employers to satisfy employee (plan member) contribution requirements.

The implementation of these statements did not have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements.

In June 2015, GASB issued Statement No. 75, *Accounting and Financial Reporting for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, which replaces the requirements of Statements No. 45, *Accounting and Financial Reporting by Employers for Postemployment Benefits Other Than Pensions*, as amended, and No. 57, *OPEB Measurements by Agent Employers and Agent Multiple-Employer Plans*, and provides guidance on reporting by governments that provide OPEB to their employees and for governments that finance OPEB for employees of other governments. The provisions in Statement No. 75 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements.

In March 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 81, *Irrevocable Split-Interest Agreements*, which improves accounting and financial reporting for irrevocable split-interest agreements by providing recognition and measurement guidance for situations in which a government is a beneficiary of the agreement. The provisions in Statement No. 81 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2016. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements.

In November 2016, GASB issued Statement No. 83, *Certain Asset Retirement Obligations*, which addresses accounting and financial reporting for certain asset retirement obligations (AROs) associated with the retirement of a tangible capital asset. The provisions in Statement No. 83 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2018. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements.

In January 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 84, *Fiduciary Activities*, which establishes criteria for identifying fiduciary activities of all state and local governments. The provisions in Statement No. 84 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2018. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements.

In March 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 85, *Omnibus 2017*, which address practice issues that have been identified during implementation and application of certain GASB Statements including issues related to blending component units, goodwill, fair value measurement and application, and postemployment benefits (pensions and other postemployment benefits). The provisions in Statement No. 85 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements.

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(2) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, Continued

New Accounting Standards, Continued

In May 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 86, *Certain Debt Extinguishment Issues*, which improves consistency in accounting and financial reporting for in-substance defeasance of debt. The provisions in Statement No. 86 are effective for fiscal years beginning after June 15, 2017. Management does not believe that the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements.

In June 2017, GASB issued Statement No. 87, *Leases*, which establishes a single model for lease accounting based on the foundational principle that leases are financings of the right to use an underlying asset. The provisions in Statement No. 87 are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Management has yet to determine whether the implementation of this statement will have a material effect on the financial statements.

Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and deferred outflows of resources, liabilities and deferred inflows of resources, 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.

Reclassifications

Certain balances in the 2016 presentation has been reclassified to conform to the 2017 presentation.

(3) Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable at September 30, 2017 and 2016, consist of the following:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Electricity	\$ 4,359,792	\$ 4,767,312
RepMar and other affiliates	7,205,286	6,054,559
Other	<u>2,159,316</u>	<u>1,628,421</u>
	13,724,394	12,450,292
Less allowance for uncollectible accounts	<u>(6,589,685)</u>	<u>(6,537,734)</u>
	\$ <u>7,134,709</u>	\$ <u>5,912,558</u>

(4) Fuel and Supplies

Fuel and supplies at September 30, 2017 and 2016, consist of the following:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Distribution and power plant supplies	\$ 2,194,190	\$ 1,578,571
Fuel	351,669	477,669
Lubricants	<u>248,909</u>	<u>157,807</u>
	\$ <u>2,794,768</u>	\$ <u>2,214,047</u>

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(5) Capital Assets, Continued

The generator set, known as Engine # 3, was in the process of being rebuilt with the aim of returning it to service to supplement the remaining engines in Station 1. The ongoing work to complete the generator set has suffered repeated delays. During the year ended September 30, 2017, MEC suspended further repairs to Engine # 3, deeming it no longer cost effective. During the year ended September 30, 2017, MEC reviewed work on Engine # 3 and considered such impaired and, as a result, MEC recognized an impairment loss of \$1,396,717.

In accordance with the Subsidiary Loan Agreement between RepMar and the Asian Development Bank (ADB), MEC created a separate bank account dedicated for repair and maintenance funds (R&M Fund). Starting October 1, 2010, MEC made automatic \$35,000 monthly transfers into the R&M Fund from its revenue accounts. Amounts in the R&M Fund shall be used exclusively for repair, maintenance, procurement of spare parts, materials and equipment (and related labor costs) directly related to power generation and distribution. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, the R&M Fund has a balance of \$70,500 and \$36,810, respectively.

(6) Long-Term Debt

Long-term debt at September 30, 2017 and 2016 is as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
In 1997, MEC entered into a loan agreement with the Federal Financing Bank (FFB) in the amount of \$12.5 million for the construction of a new power plant, with loan repayments guaranteed by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS). MEC is required to submit drawdown requests to RUS for approval of loan advances. Interest rates are calculated based on the FFB rates at the date of the loan advances and range from 5.49% to 7.25% per annum. Originally, principal and interest are payable in quarterly installments of \$273,770 through January 2, 2018. In 2012, RUS granted a two-year \$2 million loan deferment giving MEC a two-year break from having to make payments to RUS. Effective June 22, 2012 through March 31, 2014, interest payments of \$25,000 were due quarterly. Thereafter, quarterly payments of \$299,121 are due. The loan will mature on December 31, 2019. The mortgage notes have been unconditionally guaranteed by RepMar, under which RepMar will make debt service payments to RUS in the event of default by MEC, and have been collateralized by a leasehold mortgage and security agreement over the assets of MEC. These notes are subject to certain coverage ratio requirements. MEC is in compliance with these ratio requirements as of September 30, 2017 and 2016.	\$ 2,436,391	\$ 3,449,832

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(6) Long-Term Debt, Continued

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
On September 8, 2010, MEC obtained a subsidiary loan from the Asian Development Bank, through RepMar, of \$10 million to pay off a bank loan that was originally procured for operating purposes. This loan will mature on May 31, 2034. Interest is calculated at 1.0% per annum through September 30, 2018 and at 1.5% per annum thereafter. Principal and interest are payable in monthly equal payments of \$37,960.	<u>6,962,169</u>	<u>7,345,985</u>
Less current installments	<u>9,398,560</u> <u>(1,464,715)</u>	<u>10,795,817</u> <u>(1,492,550)</u>
Long-term debt	<u>\$ 7,933,845</u>	<u>\$ 9,303,267</u>

In 2015, MEC received a \$1,000,000 grant from RUS for the purpose of establishing a bulk fuel revolving loan fund and assisting MEC in reducing the costs of securing adequate fuel supplies for power generation. Of this amount, \$80,880 was recognized as grant revenue. During the year ended September 30, 2016, MEC recognized remaining grant revenue of \$919,120 associated with this grant.

Changes in long-term debt during the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016 were as follows:

	2017				
	Balance	<u>Additions/</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance	Balance due
	October 1, 2016	Reclassification		September 30, 2017	
RUS loan	\$ 3,449,832	\$ -	\$ (1,013,441)	\$ 2,436,391	\$1,074,332
ADB Subsidiary loan	<u>7,345,985</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(383,816)</u>	<u>6,962,169</u>	<u>390,383</u>
	<u>\$10,795,817</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,397,257)</u>	<u>\$9,398,560</u>	<u>\$1,464,715</u>
	2016				
	Balance	<u>Additions/</u>	<u>Reductions</u>	Balance	Balance due
	October 1, 2015	Reclassification		September 30, 2016	
RUS loan	\$ 4,524,579	\$ -	\$ (1,074,747)	\$ 3,449,832	\$1,138,184
ADB Subsidiary loan	<u>7,725,983</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>(379,998)</u>	<u>7,345,985</u>	<u>354,366</u>
	<u>\$12,250,562</u>	<u>\$ -</u>	<u>\$ (1,454,745)</u>	<u>\$10,795,817</u>	<u>\$1,492,550</u>

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(6) Long-Term Debt, Continued

Annual repayment requirements to maturity for principal and interest are as follows:

Year ending September 30,	Principal	Interest	Total
2018	\$ 1,464,715	\$ 157,896	\$ 1,622,611
2019	1,691,310	185,967	1,877,277
2020	364,380	91,140	455,520
2021	369,884	85,636	455,520
2022	375,470	80,050	455,520
2023-2027	1,964,148	313,452	2,277,600
2028-2032	2,117,025	160,575	2,277,600
2033-2034	<u>1,051,628</u>	<u>17,815</u>	<u>1,069,443</u>
	<u>\$ 9,398,560</u>	<u>\$ 1,092,531</u>	<u>\$ 10,491,091</u>

(7) Short-Term Debt

In 2015, MEC obtained a \$1,500,000 short-term bank loan to finance fuel purchases, interest at 7.5% per annum, collateralized by MEC's receivables and fuel inventory, and principal and interest payable in lump sum on December 31, 2015. The bank loan was paid in full during the year ended September 30, 2016.

In 2015, MEC obtained a \$2,000,000 short-term bank loan to finance fuel purchases, interest at 7.5% per annum, collateralized by MEC's \$1,031,222 time certificate of deposit, receivables and fuel inventory, and principal and interest payable in eleven monthly installments of \$175,000, with a final installment of \$167,607 due on February 29, 2016. The bank loan was paid in full during the year ended September 30, 2016.

Changes in short-term debt during the year ended September 30, 2016 are as follows:

Balance October 1, 2015	Additions	Reductions	Balance September 30, 2016
\$ <u>2,351,607</u>	\$ <u>-</u>	\$ <u>(2,351,607)</u>	\$ <u>-</u>

(8) Employee Retirement Plan

MEC has implemented a defined contribution retirement savings plan (the Plan) for its employees, whereby employees eighteen years and older are eligible to participate upon one year of employment. Plan participants may contribute any amount of their salaries to be matched 100% by MEC up to 10% of base salaries. Withdrawal from the Plan occurs upon termination of employment, death, or financial hardship. Plan assets are held in a trust fund administered by a trustee in accordance with the trust agreement. Management has the authority to establish or amend Plan provisions and contribution requirements. MEC contributed \$86,296 and \$78,157 to Plan participant accounts during the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively, and total plan assets were \$1,163,871 and \$848,141 as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

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(9) Related Party Transactions

MEC is wholly-owned by RepMar and is therefore affiliated with all RepMar-owned and affiliated entities, including the Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources, Inc. and the Majuro Water and Sewer Company, Inc. RepMar subscribes for electricity generated by MEC and is charged for electricity usage at substantially the same rates as those charged to commercial establishments. In addition, RepMar purchases fuel from MEC at the same commercial terms and conditions as afforded to third parties. MEC's receivables from related parties are afforded more favorable payment terms than those extended to unrelated parties.

A summary of related party transactions for the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, and the related receivable and payable balances as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, are as follows:

	2017			
	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>
RepMar	\$ 2,525,593	\$ 543,416	\$ 363,983	\$ 451,651
Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources, Inc.	3,299,494	-	3,509,387	-
Majuro Water and Sewer Company, Inc.	428,709	1,261	2,565,568	1,261
Marshall Islands Social Security Administration	28,059	286,058	2,271	139,002
Majuro Resort, Inc.	423,304	46,203	534,788	-
Marshall Islands National Telecommunication Authority	535,761	113,032	68,019	17,166
College of Marshall Islands	376,961	-	33,903	-
Other	<u>1,032,585</u>	<u>139,409</u>	<u>127,367</u>	<u>29,773</u>
	<u>\$ 8,650,466</u>	<u>\$ 1,129,379</u>	<u>\$ 7,205,286</u>	<u>\$ 638,853</u>
	2016			
	<u>Revenues</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Receivables</u>	<u>Payables</u>
RepMar	\$ 2,446,969	\$ 775,112	\$ 705,480	\$ 451,651
Kwajalein Atoll Joint Utilities Resources, Inc.	2,695,738	-	2,337,201	50,000
Majuro Water and Sewer Company, Inc.	406,417	14,182	2,150,472	10,858
Marshall Islands Social Security Administration	29,919	251,898	4,436	113,831
Majuro Resort, Inc.	389,004	46,203	487,589	413
Other	<u>2,013,580</u>	<u>258,323</u>	<u>369,381</u>	<u>16,412</u>
	<u>\$ 7,981,627</u>	<u>\$ 1,345,718</u>	<u>\$ 6,054,559</u>	<u>\$ 643,165</u>

The allowance for uncollectable accounts pertaining to receivables from affiliates amounted to \$3,046,308 and \$2,595,559 as of September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively.

During the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, MEC received subsidies and contributions from RepMar as follows:

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
Capital improvement projects of Jaluit and Wotje	\$ 672,576	\$ -
Jaluit and Wotje operations	644,800	595,200
Outer islands solar	<u>496,000</u>	<u>347,200</u>
	<u>\$ 1,813,376</u>	<u>\$ 942,400</u>

The outer islands solar subsidy is restricted for the purpose of funding the gap in the solar tariff in order for MEC to maintain solar units in the outer islands. During the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, MEC incurred maintenance expenses associated with the outer islands solar units of \$45,992 and \$84,892, respectively. Accordingly, the remaining amount of \$216,316 and \$262,308, respectively, is restricted within net position.

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(9) Related Party Transactions, Continued

As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, MEC is liable for current and delinquent gross revenue taxes to RepMar, totaling \$2,029,904 and \$1,648,585, respectively. In addition, MEC is liable for current and delinquent withholding payroll taxes to RepMar, totaling \$277,708 and \$644,436, respectively. Accrued taxes payable exclude any related penalties and interest.

On July 6, 2015, the Government of Japan and RepMar concluded a grant agreement for Non-Project Grant Aid in the amount of JPY100,000,000 with MEC as the ultimate grantee. The purpose of the Grant is to assist in the supply of petroleum fuel to MEC and mitigating the social and economic difficulties caused by volatile and sustained high oil prices. The Grant was paid directly by the Government of Japan through an independent procurement agent to MEC's fuel supplier. During the year ended September 30, 2017, MEC received the equivalent gallons of fuel from the supplier in the amount of \$726,263. As part of the agreement, MEC was required to establish a counterpart fund with RepMar in the amount of \$275,952 no later than July 5, 2018. During the years ended September 30, 2017 and 2016, MEC contributed \$91,869 and \$183,968, respectively, to RepMar for the purpose of establishing this required fund.

On October 26, 2015, RepMar entered into a sub-grant agreement with the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources, in which the Ministry of Resources and Development will manage all the necessary works needed to facilitate the implementation of the MEC and KAJUR Power Plants Fuel and Waste Oil Management System Upgrade Phase 1. During the year ended September 30, 2016, MEC received \$50,000 under this grant agreement. During the year ended September 30, 2017, MEC incurred expenditures of \$27,522 associated with this grant. As of September 30, 2017 and 2016, the amount of \$22,478 and \$50,000, respectively, is restricted within net position.

(10) Commitment and Contingencies

Commitment

MEC purchases petroleum products from Winson Oil International (HK) Ltd. (Winson) on a consignment basis whereby Winson continues to hold ownership and title to the product while it is held in storage at the MEC terminal storage tanks. Title and risk on the product remains with Winson until the product passes the boundary of the MEC terminal. The value of consignment petroleum products as of September 30, 2017 and 2016 amounted to \$4,416,406 and \$2,121,022, respectively. MEC assumes responsibility for the proper and safe storage/handling of the product while under MEC storage. However, MEC carries insurance coverage on such consignment inventories.

Contingencies

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which contemplates the continuation of MEC as a going concern. Management acknowledges that it is currently dependent on RepMar for cash subsidies to fund operations and on its affiliates to pay for actual services rendered in order to maintain MEC as a going concern. Should RepMar and its affiliates choose to discontinue cash subsidies and payment for services rendered, MEC management may have to consider alternative measures including, among other possibilities, an increase in electricity and fuel rates to maintain MEC as a going concern.

MEC is a party to several legal proceedings arising from its operations; however, no provision for any liability was made in the accompanying financial statements due to the uncertainty of the legal proceeding outcomes. Although financial exposure has yet to be determined, MEC's management believes that the provision for any liability will be minimal.

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(10) Commitment and Contingencies, Continued

Contingencies, Continued

MEC is in the process of developing and implementing plans and systems to ensure effective waste oil management and environmental protection. MEC's management believes that no provision for any liability, if any, that may arise from this matter is required to be reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

MEC has a material amount of unpaid gross revenue and withholding payroll taxes payable to RepMar as of September 30, 2017. The nonpayment of taxes is an effort to address increasing accounts receivable balances due from related parties via an offsetting exercise to reduce each party's liabilities. MEC's management believes that no provision for any additional liability, if any, that may arise from this matter is required to be reflected in the accompanying financial statements.

(11) Risk Management

MEC is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; errors and omissions; injuries to employees; and natural disasters. MEC has elected to purchase commercial insurance from independent third parties for the risks of loss to which it is exposed. Settled claims from these risks have not exceeded commercial insurance coverage for the past three years.

Insurance proceeds of \$3,410,336 received in 2007 for fire damage to MEC's power plant building and engines were recorded net of estimated repair costs. Accrued remaining building and engine repairs amounted to \$0 and \$300,000 at September 30, 2017 and 2016, respectively. During the year ended September 30, 2017, MEC filed an estimated insurance claim of \$646,170 for the fire damage to MEC's power plant engines, which is included as a component of nonoperating income in the accompanying financial statements.

(12) Restatement

Subsequent to the issuance of MEC's 2016 financial statements, MEC's management determined that prior year RUS long term debt was understated by \$407,000. As a result of this determination, the related long term debt has been restated from the amounts previously reported as follows:

	<u>As Previously Reported</u>	<u>As Restated</u>
At September 30:		
Noncurrent liabilities:		
Long-term debt	\$ <u>8,896,267</u>	\$ <u>9,303,267</u>
Total liabilities	\$ <u>18,648,295</u>	\$ <u>19,055,295</u>
Net Position:		
Net investment in capital assets	\$ <u>7,651,945</u>	\$ <u>7,244,945</u>
Total net position	\$ <u>3,821,253</u>	\$ <u>3,414,253</u>
For the year ended September 30:		
Net position at beginning of year	\$ <u>(2,685,864)</u>	\$ <u>(3,092,864)</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' 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

Board of Directors
Marshalls Energy Company, Inc.:

We have audited, in accordance with the auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States, the financial statements of the Marshalls Energy Company, Inc. (MEC), which comprise the statement of net position as of September 30, 2017, and the related statements of revenues, expenses, and changes in net position and of cash flows for the year then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements, and have issued our report thereon dated May 9, 2018. Our report includes an explanatory paragraph concerning a reference for a restatement to correct an error.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

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

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

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

Compliance and Other Matters

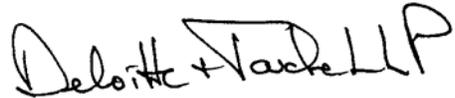
As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether MEC's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit, and accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed instances of noncompliance or other matters that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards* and which are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs as items 2017-001 and 2017-002.

MEC's Response to Findings

MEC's responses to the findings identified in our audit are described in the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs. MEC's 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 results of that testing, and not to provide an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control or on compliance. This report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards* in considering the entity's internal control and compliance. Accordingly, this communication is not suitable for any other purpose.

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May 9, 2018

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT ON COMPLIANCE FOR EACH MAJOR
FEDERAL PROGRAM; REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER COMPLIANCE;
AND REPORT ON SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES OF FEDERAL AWARDS
REQUIRED BY THE UNIFORM GUIDANCE**

Board of Directors
Marshalls Energy Company, Inc.:

Report on Compliance for Each Major Federal Program

We have audited Marshalls Energy Company, Inc.'s (MEC's) compliance with the types of compliance requirements described in the *OMB Compliance Supplement* that could have a direct and material effect on MEC's major federal program for the year ended September 30, 2017. MEC's major federal program is identified in the summary of auditors' results section of the accompanying Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs.

Management's Responsibility

Management is responsible for compliance with federal statutes, regulations, and the terms and conditions of its federal awards applicable to its federal programs.

Auditors' Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on compliance for MEC's 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 auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America; the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States; and the audit requirements of Title 2 U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, *Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Those standards and the Uniform Guidance require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether noncompliance 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 MEC's compliance with those requirements and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

We believe that 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 of MEC's compliance.

Opinion on the Major Federal Program

In our opinion, MEC 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 September 30, 2017.

Report on Internal Control Over Compliance

Management of MEC 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 MEC's 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 that are 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 the Uniform Guidance, 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 MEC's internal control over compliance.

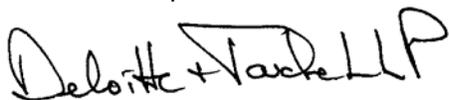
A deficiency in internal control over compliance exists when the design or operation of a control over compliance does not allow management or employees, in the normal course of performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and correct, noncompliance with a type of compliance requirement of a federal program on a timely basis. *A material weakness in internal control over compliance* is a deficiency, or combination of deficiencies, in internal control over compliance, such that there is a reasonable possibility that 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 that 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 the Uniform Guidance. Accordingly, this report is not suitable for any other purpose.

Report on Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards Required by the Uniform Guidance

We have audited the financial statements of MEC as of and for the year ended September 30, 2017. We have issued our report thereon dated May 9, 2018, which contained an unmodified opinion on those financial statements and included a reference for a restatement to correct an error. Our audit was conducted for the purpose of forming an opinion on the financial statements as a whole. The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is presented for purposes of additional analysis as required by the Uniform Guidance and is not a required part of the financial statements. Such information is the responsibility of management and was derived from and relates directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements. The information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the financial statements and certain additional procedures, including comparing and reconciling such information directly to the underlying accounting and other records used to prepare the financial statements or to the financial statements themselves, and other additional procedures in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. In our opinion, the Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the financial statements as a whole.



May 9, 2018

MARSHALLS ENERGY COMPANY, INC.
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Notes to Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards
Year Ended September 30, 2017

(1) Organization

The Marshalls Energy Company, Inc.'s (MEC's) principal lines of business are predominantly the generation and transmission of electricity and the buying and selling of petroleum products. The principal markets for the generation and transmission of electricity are government agencies, businesses and residential customers located on the atolls of Majuro, Jaluit and Wotje. Petroleum products are sold primarily to foreign and domestic fishing vessels as well as the public utility company on the island of Ebeye.

(2) Basis of Presentation

The accompanying Schedule of Expenditures of Federal Awards (the Schedule) includes the federal award activity of the Marshalls Energy Company, Inc. (MEC) under programs of the federal government for the year ended September 30, 2017. The information in this Schedule is presented in accordance with the requirements of Title 2 *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations Part 200, Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards* (Uniform Guidance). Because the Schedule presents only a selected portion of the operations of MEC, it is not intended to and does not present the financial position, changes in net position, or cash flows of MEC.

(3) Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Expenditures reported on the Schedule are reported on the accrual basis of accounting. Such expenditures are recognized following the cost principles contained in the Uniform Guidance, wherein MEC received a loan from the Federal Financing Bank guaranteed by the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture to purchase and construct facilities necessary to provide the services described above on Majuro atoll. The loan is considered expended when disbursed from MEC's RUS construction fund. Disbursements are made only on items specifically approved by RUS. MEC has not elected to use the 10-percent de minimis indirect cost rate allowed under the Uniform Guidance.

(4) RUS Loan

Balances and transactions relating to the RUS loan are included in MEC's financial statements. Loan proceeds received during fiscal year 2017, including the September 30, 2016 loan balance from previous years for which RUS imposes continuing compliance requirements, are included in the federal expenditures presented in the Schedule. The loan balance outstanding at September 30, 2017 for CFDA program 10.850 Rural Electrification Loans and Loan Guarantees is \$3,449,832.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended September 30, 2017

SECTION I - SUMMARY OF AUDITORS' RESULTS

Financial Statements

Type of report the auditor issued on whether the financial statements audited were prepared in accordance with GAAP: Unmodified

Internal control over financial reporting:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Noncompliance material to financial statements noted? Yes

Federal Awards

Internal control over major federal programs:

- Material weakness(es) identified? No
- Significant deficiency(ies) identified? None reported

Type of auditors' report issued on compliance for major federal programs: Unmodified

Any audit findings disclosed that are required to be reported in accordance with 2 CFR 200.516(a)? No

Identification of major federal programs:

<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Name of Federal Program</u>
10.850	Rural Electrification Loans and Loan Guarantees

Dollar threshold used to distinguish between Type A and Type B programs: \$750,000

Auditee qualified as low-risk auditee? No

SECTION II - FINANCIAL STATEMENT FINDINGS

<u>Reference Number</u>	<u>Findings</u>
2017-001	Local Noncompliance
2017-002	Local Noncompliance

SECTION III - FEDERAL AWARD FINDINGS AND QUESTIONED COSTS

No matters were reported.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs
Year Ended September 30, 2017

Finding No. 2017-001

Local Noncompliance

Criteria: RepMar's Procurement Code states the following:

- (a) Section 124 – unless otherwise authorized by law, all Government contracts shall be awarded by competitive sealed bidding.
- (b) Section 127 – procurement of goods and services not exceeding \$25,000 may be made in accordance with small purchase procedures promulgated by RepMar's Policy Office. Small purchase procedures are those relatively simple and informal methods for securing services, supplies, or other property that do not cost more than \$25,000. RepMar's Ministry of Finance has previously declared that if small purchase procedures are used, price or rate quotations shall be obtained from an adequate number of qualified sources.
- (c) Section 128 – a contract may be awarded for supply, service, or construction item without completion when it is determined in writing that there is only one source for the required supply, service, or construction item.

Condition: MEC does not have a formal procurement policy requiring documentation indicating the history of procurement to be maintained on file.

Cause: The cause of the above condition is the lack of established policies and procedures requiring documentation of procurement procedures to ensure compliance with RepMar's Procurement Code.

Effect: The effect of the above condition noncompliance with RepMar's Procurement Code.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish policies and procedures in compliance with RepMar's Procurement Code.

Auditee Response and Corrective Action Plan:

MEC describes corrective action in the Corrective Action Plan.

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Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs, Continued
Year Ended September 30, 2017

Finding No. 2017-002

Local Noncompliance

Criteria: 48 MIRC Chapter 1, Income Tax Act of 1989, Section 105, states that the employer shall once every four (4) weeks or thirteen times per year, pay taxes withheld under Section 104 under Chapter 1. The employer shall, along with the taxes, within two (2) weeks following the preceding four (4) week period make a full, true and correct return showing all wages and salaries paid by the employer to the employees during the preceding four (4) week period and showing the tax due and withheld thereon as provided in Section 104 of the Chapter. Furthermore, Section 110 states that every business shall on or before the last day of the following the close of each quarter, pay the amount of tax imposed on gross revenues under Section 109 of the Chapter.

Condition: Further, MEC filed and paid gross revenue taxes for the year ended September 30, 2017 in a manner inconsistent with the criteria. Specifically, gross revenue taxes in the amount of \$268,106 for the year ended September 30, 2017 were not timely remitted and paid. In addition, gross revenue taxes from previous years in the amount of \$1,402,729 have not been paid. Income taxes withheld in the amount of \$254,744 for previous years have not been paid.

Cause: The cause of the above condition is the lack of policies and procedures to monitor timely filing of returns and payment of withheld income taxes and gross revenue taxes.

Effect: The effect of the above condition is noncompliance with RepMar Income Tax Act of 1989, as amended.

Recommendation: We recommend that management establish policies and procedures to comply with the RepMar Income Tax Act of 1989, as amended.

Auditee Response and Corrective Action Plan:

MEC describes corrective action in the Corrective Action Plan.

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Summary Schedule of Prior Audit Findings
Year Ended September 30, 2017

<u>Finding Number</u>	<u>CFDA Number</u>	<u>Questioned Costs</u>	<u>Status</u>
2013-001	10.859	\$309,714	Refer Note 1.
2014-001	10.859	\$129,173	Refer Note 1.
2015-001	10.857	\$ -	Refer Note 1.

Note 1: Management is awaiting follow-up and issuance of a management decision from the Federal agency.

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**CORRECTIVE ACTION PLAN
2 CFR § 200.511(c)
Year Ended September 30, 2017**

Finding Number	Planned Corrective Action	Anticipated Completion Date	Responsible Contact Person
2017-001	<p>Following a legal opinion issued from the AG's office on July 7, 2016, indicating the applicability of the RMI Procurement Code to MEC under the SOE Act, MEC has since adopted the Procurement Code as it's guide to purchasing.</p> <p>MEC recognizes the need to formally establish its own procurement policy tailored to the specialized needs of the industry. As of the date of this report, MEC's internal procurement policy is being developed by management and to be finalized and approved by the Board within the next fiscal year.</p>	September 30, 2018	CFO, Leihani S. Anjain
2017-002	<p>MEC understands this noncompliance. The reason for the nonpayment of taxes is an effort to address MWSC's increasing accounts receivable balance, which amounted to \$2.1 million as of September 30, 2016, via an offsetting exercise to reduce each party's liabilities. An exercise of this nature is not unprecedented. It previously resulted in an offset of \$2.3 million for outstanding obligations and accounts receivable between the GRMI, MEC, and MIR.</p> <p>MEC is greatly concerned with the financial burden MWSC continues to impose as a result of its inability to meet its annual electric bill obligation and is trying all possible avenues to have the outstanding balance addressed.</p>	September 30, 2018	CFO, Leihani S. Anjain